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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2 **ON JUNE 3, 2003, BEGINS ON PAGE 126.]**

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD EVERYONE PLEASE STAND? THE INVOCATION
6 TODAY WILL BE LED BY PASTOR RAMOS SANTOS OF THE FIRST
7 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FROM POMONA, FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT. THE
8 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY ABE ENGLANDER, COMMANDER,
9 AMVETS POST NUMBER 177, AMERICAN VETERANS FROM THE FIFTH
10 DISTRICT. PASTOR.

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12 **PASTOR RAMOS SANTOS:** LET US BOW OUR HEADS. LET US BOW OUR
13 HEADS. HEAVENLY FATHER, BY OUR PRAYERS, WE RECOGNIZE THAT
14 THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND. AS A HUMAN
15 FAMILY, WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. WHAT HAPPENS TO ONE
16 HAPPENS TO ALL. THE OUTCOME OF OUR ACTIONS, AS WELL -- AS WELL
17 INTENDED AS THEY MAY BE, DO NOT ALWAYS TURN OUT THE WAY WE
18 HOPE FOR. I PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
19 GIFTED MEN AND WOMEN, WHO ARE ENTRUSTED TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT
20 IMPACT THE LIFE OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE. THEIR ROLE AS LEADERS
21 OF THIS GREAT COMMUNITY IS NOT ALWAYS EASY, FOR THEY HAVE TO
22 SAY "YES" AND "NO", AWARE THAT WHATEVER IS DECIDED WILL BE
23 WELL RECEIVED AND PRAISED BY SOME AND CRITICIZED BY OTHERS. I
24 PRAY THAT THEY NOT GET WEARY, THAT THEY MAY SEE THAT THE GOOD
25 FRUIT OF THEIR HARD WORK THUS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. I PRAY FOR



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1 ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, I PRAY FOR YOUR
2 BLESSINGS UPON THIS MEETING, AND ALL THE RESIDENTS OF THIS
3 COUNTY. MAY THEY FIND THEIR DREAM IN THE HOPE THAT WE ALL LOOK
4 FOR. AMEN.

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6 **ABE ENGLANDER:** PLEASE PUT -- PUT YOUR HANDS OVER YOUR HEART
7 AND FOLLOW ME. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** -- PASTOR, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO MAKE A
12 PRESENTATION THIS MORNING, A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO
13 PASTOR SANTOS RAMOS. PASTOR RAMOS HAS SERVED THE FIRST
14 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN POMONA FOR OVER SIX YEARS. PRIOR TO
15 THIS HE SERVED AS CHAPLAIN AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. HOSPITAL, AS
16 WELL AS SERVING AS AN ARMY CHAPLAIN. HE'S A GRADUATE OF THE
17 FULLER THEOLOGY SEMINARY IN PASADENA, EARNED HIS MASTER'S
18 DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LAVERNES AND HE HAS DEGREES FROM
19 VANGUARD UNIVERSITY, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY CHAPLAIN
20 ACADEMY. HE LEADS A VERY -- A VERY COMMUNITY-ORIENTED
21 CONGREGATION WITH REALLY SPECIAL EMPHASIS IN CHILDREN AND
22 YOUTH, AND WE WANT TO THANK HIM TODAY AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR
23 PRAYERS FOR US. WE DO REALLY NEED THEM. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [
24 APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WAS COMING DOWN, AND
2 WE WILL RECOGNIZE HIM TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION TO THE PLEDGE
3 VETERAN WHEN HE ARRIVES. WE'LL GO FORWARD WITH THE -- BECAUSE
4 HE WAS COMING DOWN ON THE ELEVATOR SO IN JUST A MINUTE, WE'LL
5 GO ON WITH THE AGENDA.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
8 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 4. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
9 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
12 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
15 AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H THROUGH 4-H.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11,
21 I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 7, SUPERVISOR
22 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE. ON --

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 8, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR
2 ANTONOVICH. AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED
5 BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 12
8 THROUGH 18. ON ITEM NUMBER 12, THAT INCLUDES THE NOTATIONS ON
9 THE GREEN SHEET AND WE'LL HOLD THAT FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE. ON
10 ITEM NUMBER 15, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS A
11 ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 15 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR
14 ONE WEEK. ON THE REMAINDER, IT'S MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY
15 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, WEIGHTS AND
18 MEASURES, ITEMS 19 THROUGH 22.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA.
21 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DID YOU DO ON 18? THAT -- WAS THAT HELD
24 OR CONTINUED?

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NO. IT WAS APPROVED ON CONSENT.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY THANKS.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ARTS COMMISSION, ITEM 23.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.

8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AUDIT COMMITTEE, ITEM 24.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT

13 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, ITEM 25.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.

18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER. ON ITEM 26,

21 THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 26 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR

24 TWO WEEKS.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. ON ITEM 27,
2 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM NUMBER 27 WILL BE
5 CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM
8 28.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA.
11 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, ITEMS 29
14 THROUGH 34. ON ITEM NUMBER 29, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A ONE-
15 WEEK CONTINUANCE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 29 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR
18 ONE WEEK.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 30, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN
21 SHEET, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM 30 WILL BE
24 CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ON ITEMS 32, 33, AND 34, AS NOTED ON
2 THE GREEN SHEET, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON 32, 33, AND 34, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THOSE
5 ITEMS WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND 31 IS BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COUNTY COUNSEL, ITEMS 35 THROUGH 37.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT
15 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEM 38.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 39 THROUGH 43, AND
23 I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST: ON ITEM NUMBER 41, IT RELATES TO
24 ITEM 101-A, AND WE HAVE REQUESTS FOR HOLD WHEN WE COME TO



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1 THAT. SO WE'LL HOLD THAT FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE AND OTHERS. AND
2 ITEM 43, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE HOLDING 41 WITH 101, AND ON 43,
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT'S CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. ON THE
6 REMAINDER, MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT
7 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** INTERNAL SERVICES, ITEMS 44 AND 45. ON
10 ITEM NUMBER 44, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUEST
11 A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 44 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR
14 ONE WEEK.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM 45 IS BEFORE YOU.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
19 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MENTAL HEALTH, ITEM 46.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
24 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEM 47.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA.

4 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC LIBRARY, 48 AND 49.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT

9 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEMS 50 THROUGH

12 52. AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, ON ITEM 50, THE DIRECTOR

13 REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 50 WILL BE REFERRED BACK TO THE

16 DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM 51, MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY

17 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALSO 52 IS BEFORE YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 50 AND -- AND ON 52,

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA.

2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 53 THROUGH 82. ON

5 PAGE 30, ON ITEM NUMBER 76, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS THAT THE

6 ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 76 WILL BE REFERRED

9 BACK. ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY

10 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 33, REGISTRAR RECORDER COUNTY

13 CLERK. ON ITEM NUMBER 83, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT

14 THE ITEM BE HELD.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 83 IS HELD.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON SHERIFF, ITEMS 84 AND 85, ON --

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY.

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22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'M SORRY, ON ITEM NUMBER 85, RICHARD

23 ROBINSON REQUESTS THAT THE -- 84, RICHARD ROBINSON REQUESTS

24 THAT THE ITEM BE HELD. 85 IS BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WAIT A MINUTE. WHICH ONE'S BEFORE US?

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3 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 85. RICHARD ROBINSON JUST GAVE US A SLIP
4 TO HOLD IT.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW WHICH ONE HAS HE ASKED TO HOLD?

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 84.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 84. ALL RIGHT. ON 85, MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY,
11 SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEMS 86 AND
14 87.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, 88 THROUGH
20 93. ON ITEM NUMBER 88, THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS A
21 TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT ITEM IS CONTINUED
24 FOR TWO WEEKS.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA.
4 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR ADOPT -- INTRODUCTION,
7 EXCUSE ME, ON 94, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, ADVISORY
8 COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE
9 RELATING TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON INSURANCE.
10 THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
13 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, ITEM 95.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTER, 96 THROUGH 99. 96 IS THE
21 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT
22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NORWALK LA
23 MIRADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS,
24 ELECTION 2002 SERIES, 2003-A, AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
25 NOT TO EXCEED \$16 MILLION. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEMS 97, 98, AND 99, WE'LL HOLD FOR
6 REPORT. PUBLIC HEARING, ON ITEM 100, WE'LL HOLD THAT FOR
7 HEARING. 101, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA REQUESTED BY BOARD
8 MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER WHICH WERE POSTED
9 MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON
10 THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON 101-A, WE HAVE A REQUEST TO
11 HOLD BY SUPERVISOR KNABE AND OTHERS, AND SUPERVISOR
12 YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED TO CLOSED
13 SESSION, AND THAT'S TOGETHER WITH ITEM 41.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION IS -- CAN THIS BE
16 REFERRED TO CLOSED SESSION?

17

18 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** MADAM CHAIR, I'M ASSUMING THAT SUPERVISOR
19 YAROSLAVSKY WANTS TO TALK ABOUT THIS IN CONNECTION WITH THE
20 PENDING LITIGATION THAT'S BEEN SCHEDULED WITH RESPECT TO
21 HEALTH SERVICES, UNDER THAT CIRCUMSTANCE I BELIEVE THAT IT
22 WOULD BE ABLE TO DO THAT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, THAT'S THE TICKET.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. 101-A WILL GO OVER TO CLOSED
2 SESSION. HOW WOULD WE DO 41? WHAT WILL WE DO WITH THAT?

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THEY'RE RELATED, MADAM CHAIR, SO I
5 BELIEVE IT SHOULD GO OVER ALSO.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GOES OVER TO CLOSED SESSION.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN WE DO HAVE THE SPEAKERS THAT
10 HAVE SIGNED UP SO.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE WILL TAKE, OKAY, WE'LL TAKE THE
13 TESTIMONY OF THOSE SPEAKERS WHO ARE -- HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK AND
14 THEN WE'LL TAKE THE MATTER UP IN CLOSED SESSION.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALL RIGHT.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT AND THIS --

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** GO AHEAD.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES?

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA
2 AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH THE SECOND
3 DISTRICT.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I'LL CALL ON SUPERVISOR
6 ANTONOVICH TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION ON -- FOR THE PLEDGE
7 VETERAN.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ABE ENGLANDER, WHO
10 GAVE US THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. HE'S THE
11 COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN AMVETS POST NUMBER 177 OF THE
12 AMERICAN VETERANS, AND HE IS A GRADUATE OF U.C.L.A., ALSO
13 ATTENDED LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE AND HE WAS BORN IN NEW
14 YORK. HE'S A RETIRED FASHION DESIGNER AND SELF-EMPLOYED SO, AS
15 I SAID TO ABE EARLIER, MY LITTLE BOY HAD HIS DENTAL CARREY
16 TAKEN CARE OF EARLIER THIS MORNING AND I HAD TO BE THERE TO
17 GIVE HIM MORAL SUPPORT. SO, ABE, THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. [
18 APPLAUSE]

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME, WE'D LIKE TO CALL UP THE
21 PRINCIPAL, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF
22 WESTCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL, ALONG WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE COMETS
23 BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, AND I'D LIKE TO INVITE SUPERVISOR KNABE
24 TO JOIN IN THE PRESENTATION. EVEN THOUGH THE WESTCHESTER HIGH
25 SCHOOL COMETS WON THE C.I.F. DIVISION I BOYS BASKETBALL STATE



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1 CHAMPIONSHIP LAST YEAR, THEY WERE NOT FAVORED TO WIN AGAINST
2 OAKLAND TECH THIS YEAR. THEY WENT INTO THE GAME IN SACRAMENTO
3 AS UNDERDOGS AND THEY ROSE TO THE CHALLENGE. TEAM LEADER,
4 TREVOR ARIZA, WHO I HEAR WILL BE ATTENDING MY ALMA MATA
5 U.C.L.A., LED THE TEAM TO A 73-TO-63 VICTORY. HE SAID HE
6 STARTED OUT JUST FEELING IT WAS GOING TO BE HIS DAY. HE SCORED
7 30 POINTS IN THAT GAME TO END HIS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
8 CAREER IN A BLAZE OF GLORY, AND NOW, SUPERVISOR KNABE, HE'S
9 GOING TO RECOGNIZE THE COACHES AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
10 SOME VERY SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
13 IT'S MY PLEASURE. I KNOW A NUMBER OF THE COACHES COULDN'T MAKE
14 IT TODAY, BUT I'M GOING TO ASK BRIAN HENDERSON, THE DIRECTOR
15 OF ATHLETICS, AS WELL AS ASSISTANT COACH TO COME FORWARD AND
16 ACCEPT THESE CERTIFICATES IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR
17 ACCOMPLISHMENT TO THE COACHES, TO SAY THANK YOU AND
18 CONGRATULATIONS, AND A GREAT TIE. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE YOU GOING TO PRESENT THE LARGE PLAQUE
21 NOW?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** WE'LL DO THAT AT THE END.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT I'M GOING TO CALL THE MEMBERS OF
2 THE TEAM FIRST AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE TREVOR, OR
3 WILLIAM BURCHER. OKAY. SCOTT CUTLEY. THESE ARE ALL CALLED. [
4 APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, ARE YOU COMING UP TO TAKE
7 PICTURES? CONGRATULATIONS, CAMERON GRANDVILLE. [APPLAUSE]

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** JOEY KNOX. [APPLAUSE]

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** JERRELL LAKE. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GERARD MORET. [APPLAUSE]

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL PUT THIS ONE NEXT. BOBBY BROWN. [
16 APPLAUSE]

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. ANDRE DUNN. [APPLAUSE].

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MARCUS JOHNSON. [APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ROBERT MCCLINTON. [APPLAUSE]

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** JONATHON TOLLIVER. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND NOW TREVOR ARIZA, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME
2 FORWARD? CONGRATULATIONS ON A MARVELOUS GAME, AND WE WANT TO
3 COMMEND YOU. AND YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF -- I KNOW YOU
4 HAVE A LOT OF PLAQUES OR TROPHIES, BUT JUST ONE MORE TO ADD TO
5 YOUR ROOM THEN, FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** THE PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLAYER OF THE YEAR. [APPLAUSE]

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** AND MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AS WELL
14 AND TO THE PUBLIC, WE'RE GOING TO ASK THE PRINCIPAL AND MR.
15 HENDERSON AND OTHERS, WHERE YOU HAVE THIS WONDERFUL PLAQUE
16 FROM ALL OF US HERE ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN RECOGNITION
17 OF YOUR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND, ONCE AGAIN, WINNING THAT GREAT
18 DECISION. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE SUPERVISORS
21 AND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON BEHALF OF THE WESTCHESTER
22 HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM. THEY'RE NOT JUST GREAT PLAYERS,
23 THEY'RE ALSO GREAT STUDENTS AND GREAT YOUNG MEN. THEY'RE ALL
24 VERY KIND, VERY NICE YOUNG MEN WHO ALL ARE HEADED TOWARDS
25 COLLEGE. I HAVE FOUR SENIORS WHO ARE GRADUATING AND THEY HAVE



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1 ALL CHOSEN COLLEGES TO GO TO OR THE COLLEGES HAVE CHOSEN THEM.
2 ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, THEY WILL BE THERE. IT IS THE GOAL OF
3 OUR SCHOOL NOT ONLY TO RAISE -- RAISE BASKETBALL PLAYERS, TALL
4 BASKETBALL PLAYERS, BUT ALSO TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND
5 THAT EDUCATION COMES FIRST. SO TODAY, WE THANK YOU AND TREVOR
6 HAS A FEW WORDS TO SAY ON BEHALF OF THE TEAM.

7

8 **TREVOR ARIZA:** THANK YOU GUYS FOR INVITING US HERE. ME AND MY
9 TEAMMATES, WE APPRECIATE THAT. WELL, LIKE COACHES AND MISS
10 PERRYMAN, COACH HEN, THEY ALWAYS TELL US THAT WE CAN'T DO THIS
11 WITHOUT OUR SCHOOL, AND WITHOUT BEING GOOD STUDENTS, WE
12 WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GET SCHOLARSHIPS THAT WE GOT. BOBBY BROWN,
13 SCOTT CUTLEY AND ROBERT MCCLINTON, WE'RE ALL GOING TO MAJOR
14 WELL -- THE MAJOR AND MAJOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. SCOTT
15 CUTLEY IS GOING TO KENT STATE. ROBERT MCCLINTON IS GOING TO
16 GRAMBLING STATE. ROBERT BROWN IS UNDECIDED, BUT HE -- HE'S
17 CHOOSING BETWEEN LONG BEACH STATE AND KENT STATE ALSO, AND
18 THEY WANT TO SAY SOMETHING, TOO. YES, THEY DO! [LAUGHTER]

19

20 **ATHLETE:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR HAVING
21 US HERE. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. I MEAN, IT WAS A LOT OF HARD
22 WORK THIS YEAR, NOT ONLY IN PRACTICE AND ON THE COURT, BUT
23 ALSO IN THE CLASSROOM, AND WE ALL DECIDED THAT, YOU KNOW,
24 SAYING SCHOOL COMES FIRST BECAUSE IN ORDER TO PLAY WE HAVE TO
25 MAINTAIN AT LEAST A 2.5 GRADE POINT AVERAGE TO PLAY, SO I'M



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1 SAYING THAT COMES FIRST, SCHOOLWORK, BUT WE WANT TO THANK ALL
2 YOU GUYS. YOU GUYS DO A LOT OF WORK HERE TO HELP US OUT IN ALL
3 THE SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.

4 [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK?

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8 **SPEAKER:** NO THEY'RE NOT SPEAKING.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. COME ON TREVOR --

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I -- IF I COULD JUST SAY A
13 WORD. AS A FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNUS I -- THEY -- THEY
14 CLEANED OUR CLOCK THIS YEAR, AND THEY ARE -- THEY'RE REALLY A
15 GREAT -- [MIXED VOICES] .

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DID HE SAY? OKAY, I THINK HE SAID
18 "AMEN" TO THAT, THAT'S WHAT HE SAID. BUT THEY ARE -- THEY HAD
19 A GREAT, GREAT TEAM, I REALLY WANT TO CONGRATULATE THEM. ONCE
20 YOU BEAT FAIRFAX, IT'S ALL RIGHT, WE'RE ALL IN THE WESTERN
21 LEAGUE TOGETHER, SO WE ALL STICK TOGETHER, GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF
22 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. TODAY IS WHALE RIDER DAY. AND WE'D
25 LIKE TO CALL THE REPRESENTATIVE OF NEWMARKET FILMS FORWARD.



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1 WELL NOW, THIS IS A RELIEF AFTER ALL THOSE TALL PLAYERS HERE.
2 "THE WHALE RIDER" IS AN ENCHANTING FILM BASED ON TRADITION OF
3 THE MAURI?

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5 **AARON RYDER, NEWMARKET FILMS:** MAORI.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAORI, THE PEOPLE OF NEW ZEALAND, A VERY
8 INTERESTING BACKGROUND. IT FOLLOWS THE FLIGHT OF A YOUNG GIRL
9 TO PROVE HER WORTHINESS AND DESTINY AMONG HER PEOPLE. THE FILM
10 HAS WON AUDIENCE AWARDS AT THE SUNDANCE, TORONTO, AND
11 ROTTERDAM FILM FESTIVAL. NEWMARKET FILMS MAKER AND DISTRIBUTOR
12 OF THE FILM RECENTLY MADE 2,000 BOOKS OF THE NOVEL FROM WHICH
13 THE FILM WAS MADE TO OUR OFFICE. WE DISTRIBUTED THEM TO
14 SELECTED SECOND DISTRICT SCHOOLS AS PART OF A READING PROGRAM
15 BEFORE A VERY SPECIAL SCREENING OF THE FILM FOR STUDENTS.
16 NEWMARKET FILMS MADE A PRINT OF THE FILM AVAILABLE FOR A FREE
17 SCREENING, WHICH MORE THAN 500 STUDENTS ATTENDED LAST TUESDAY.
18 AFTER THE FILM, A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION WAS HELD WITH
19 THE YOUNG STAR OF THE FILM, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CAST AND THE
20 PRODUCER. I'M VERY PLEASED TO PROCLAIM NEXT FRIDAY, JUNE 6, AS
21 WHALE RIDER DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN
22 RECOGNITION OF THE SPECIAL SCREENING PRESENTATION OF THE FILM,
23 "WHALE RIDERS," AND THE DONATION OF 2,000 BOOKS, WHICH ARE
24 PART OF THE SPECIAL READING PROGRAM, AND WE WANT TO THANK YOU
25 VERY MUCH FOR THAT. [APPLAUSE]



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AARON RYDER: WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS IS A TRUE HONOR,
AND WE ARE VERY, VERY PROUD ABOUT THIS FILM AND WE DEEPLY
APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD AND IN HELPING US AND
RECOGNIZING THIS FILM. I ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO TAKE A BREAK
FROM THE HUGE BLOCK BUSTERS THAT ARE OUT THERE THIS SUMMER,
YOU'RE SICK OF SEEING EXPLOSIONS, GO OUT AND GO TAKE YOUR
FAMILY TO WHAT WE FEEL IS A REALLY JUST AN ABSOLUTELY SPECIAL
FILM. IT'S A TREMENDOUS POSITIVE MESSAGE, IT'S SOMETHING YOU
CAN TAKE YOUR WHOLE FAMILY TO AND IT'S SOMETHING WE'RE VERY,
VERY EXCITED ABOUT. IT'S CALLED "THE WHALE RIDER," AND IT
COMES OUT ON FRIDAY. SO THANK YOU AGAIN, I DEEPLY APPRECIATE
IT.

14

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: WELL CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE]

16

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: THANK YOU, I'D LIKE TO ASK SAR KATAN TO
COME FORWARD. HERE SHE IS. YESTERDAY, WE HAD A VERY SPECIAL
PRESENTATION BECAUSE WE HAD THE AUGUSTUS HAWKINS MENTAL HEALTH
CENTER WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO MENTAL
HEALTH, AND THAT WAS NOT A MINOR UNDERTAKING. IT TOOK A LOT OF
WORK, AND A KEY ROLE THAT SAR PLAYED WAS IN MAKING THIS WHOLE
THING EFFICIENT AND EXPEDITING THE TRANSFER IN ORDER TO
PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE THERE, ADULTS,
CHILDREN, FAMILIES, TO EXPAND THE KIND OF SERVICES THAT WILL



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1 BE PROVIDED IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND BEYOND, BECAUSE WE
2 KNOW THAT IT'S NOT A SIMPLE ISSUE. OFTEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
3 DUAL DIAGNOSIS, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DRUG ISSUES, AND WE WANT
4 TO SAY TO SAR, WE'RE SORRY WE COULDN'T BE THERE YESTERDAY, BUT
5 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HARD WORK. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'D LIKE TO ASK
10 ADA GARDINER AND BILL PELLMAN TO COME FORWARD PLEASE.
11 ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSELOR ADA GARDINER IS RETIRING FROM
12 PUBLIC LAW PRACTICE AFTER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE,
13 FIRST AS AN ADVISOR TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LOS
14 ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, THEN MOST RECENTLY FOR THE
15 PAST 12 YEARS, IN THE OFFICE OF OUR COUNTY COUNSEL. SHE'S
16 SERVED WITH DISTINCTION IN THE PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION AND AS
17 CHIEF OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES LITIGATION AND TRAINING
18 DIVISION, WHERE SHE ADVISED HER CLIENTS, INCLUDING THE BOARD
19 OF SUPERVISORS, THE DEPARTMENTS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
20 SERVICES, PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, AS WELL AS HEALTH AND MENTAL
21 HEALTH, ALL THE QUIET DEPARTMENTS WITH ABSOLUTELY NOTHING
22 GOING ON IN THEM, RIGHT, ADA? SHE POSSESSES THE TENACITY
23 NECESSARY TO OVERCOME FORMIDABLE OPPONENTS, AS DEMONSTRATED BY
24 HER SUCCESS IN HER MANY LITIGATED CASES. FURTHER, IN
25 REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,



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1 ADA ALWAYS SOUGHT TO PROTECT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE ABUSED
2 AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN IN OUR COUNTY. THROUGHOUT HER COUNTY
3 CAREER, SHE'S KNOWN AS A PRODIGIOUS WORKER, A SUPERB TRIAL
4 LAWYER, AND TRUSTED ADVISOR, RESPECTED BY COLLEAGUES, CLIENTS,
5 AND JUDGES. SHE'S ALSO -- SHE'S RETIRING FROM COUNTY SERVICE
6 TO MOVE TO AN ENVIRONMENT THAT SHE AND HER HUSBAND, RETIRED
7 PRINCIPLE COUNTY COUNSELOR PAT GARDINER, WILL HAVE TO LEARN TO
8 RESPECT LIVING AND WORKING THE LAND IN IDAHO AT THE CANADIAN
9 BORDER RAISING BEEF CATTLE. I'M TRYING TO TIE THIS ALL
10 TOGETHER HERE. [LAUGHTER].

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** LITIGATION TO -- OKAY, I KNOW IT'S GOING TO COME
13 TOGETHER HERE. THE BUSINESS SUITS WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR JEANS
14 AND BOOTS AS WELL AS, I'VE BEEN INFORMED, GOLF SHOES AS
15 THEY'VE PREPARE TO PLAY GOLF NEAR THEIR RANCH. SO ADA, ON
16 BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR SO MUCH FOR
17 NOT ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE, BUT THE IMPACT THAT YOU'VE HAD ON
18 THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUR ASSISTANCE TO US AS A
19 TRUSTED ADVISOR WELL -- AS WELL HERE AT THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS. CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST OF LUCK UP THERE IN
21 IDAHO. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** ONE OF THE MAJOR STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS OF
24 THE -- ON THE -- THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS DEALING WITH
25 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. AND ADA'S PUBLIC LAW CAREER HAS TOUCHED



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1 EVERY PHASE OF IT. SHE STARTED WITH THE SCHOOL SYSTEM, L.A.
2 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, SHE WAS IN OUR OFFICE IN THE PUBLIC
3 SERVICES DIVISION DEALING WITH HEALTH, WELFARE, AND MEDICAL
4 ISSUES, AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, AND SHE'S CAPPED IT OFF WITH
5 HEADING UP ONE OF OUR CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION. AND THE
6 TIE-IN, I THINK, SUPERVISOR KNABE, IS SHE'S ALWAYS DEALT WITH
7 CRITTERS. SHE'S GOING TO DEAL WITH DIFFERENT CRITTERS UP ON
8 THE RANCH IN IDAHO. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** NOW, YOU'RE NOT REFERRING TO THE BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS? [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** SHE'S ALL YOURS.

14

15 **ADA GARDINER, ASS'T COUNTY COUNSEL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH
16 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISORS. IT'S BEEN -- AND MR.
17 PELLMAN. IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL CAREER THAT I'VE HAD HERE. I
18 THINK I'VE BEEN HONORED AND PRIVILEGED TO HAVE A CAREER IN
19 THIS FIELD, TO SERVE THE PUBLIC AND TO WORK FOR SUCH A
20 DISTINGUISHED BOARD IN SUCH MAJOR ISSUES THAT TOUCH SO MANY
21 PEOPLE'S LIVES. I REALLY FEEL HUMBLLED BY BEING ALLOWED THIS
22 WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY AND I KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE WHO FOLLOW ME
23 ARE GOING TO CARRY ON AND REPRESENT YOU AND WORK HERE AND
24 REPRESENT THE PEOPLE WITH GREAT DEDICATION WHICH I HAVE SEEN
25 WITH THE PEOPLE WORKING FOR ME. I THANK ALL MY COLLEAGUES, MY



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1 STAFF, THE ATTORNEYS THAT I'VE WORKED WITH IN ALL THE
2 DIVISIONS HERE, AND I COMMEND TO YOU THIS SERVICE. I THANK MR.
3 PELLMAN FOR HIS WONDERFUL LEADERSHIP AND HIS OUTSTANDING
4 EXAMPLE. BUT I HOPE WE CAN BRING SOME OF IT UP TO THE
5 NORTHWEST. THERE IS ANOTHER CONNECTION, BUT WE'RE NOT ALLOWED
6 TO SAY IT HERE, FROM LITIGATION TO FARM WORK, BUT I'M JUST
7 VERY HAPPY AND GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY HERE. I'D LIKE TO
8 INTRODUCE MY FAMILY, WHO WERE ABLE TO BE WITH ME TODAY. MY
9 MOTHER, BEATRICE RITTENBURG; MY SON-IN-LAW, DAVID BOTANZLOS;
10 MY DAUGHTER, WHO'S HIDING IN THE BACK WITH OUR GRANDSON, OWEN
11 BOTANZLOS; MY DAUGHTER, ROBIN; AND, OF COURSE, MY HUSBAND,
12 PATRICK, WHO I MET HERE, AND I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE COUNTY
13 AND MY WORK HERE REALLY FOR THE FINE, WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO ARE
14 PART OF IT, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE
19 RECIPIENT OF THIS YEAR'S ALPHA AUXILIARY ARCADIA METHODIST
20 HOSPITAL FOUNDATION'S 2001 ORDER OF MERIT FOR HIS SERVICE TO
21 HIS PATIENTS AND THE COMMUNITY, AND THAT'S DR. WILLIAM WHITE,
22 WHO IS HERE WITH HIS WIFE, PATTY. DR. WHITE HAS TREATED THREE
23 GENERATIONS OF FAMILIES IN THE SIERRA MADRE ARCADIA AREAS IN
24 THE PAST 40 YEARS OF MEDICINE, PRACTICING FAMILY MEDICINE.
25 STARTING IN THE 1960S, HE BEGAN VOLUNTEERING WITH THE SIERRA



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1 MADRE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM, ASSISTING WITH THE ON-SITE
2 MEDICAL CARE. HE'S ALSO VOLUNTEERED WITH THE Y.M.C.A. IN
3 SIERRA MADRE FOR 15 YEARS AND HE'S GIVEN HIS TIME TO THE
4 SIERRA MADRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND HAS WORKED WITH THE CENTER
5 FOR HANDICAPPED BLIND IN SIERRA MADRE. BECAUSE OF HIS FREQUENT
6 INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY, WHOSE CITY LIMITS ARE A COUPLE
7 OF BLOCKS FROM HIS HOME, DR. WHITE WAS SELECTED AS SIERRA
8 MADRE'S HONORARY CITIZEN IN 1998, AND SERVED AS GRAND MARSHAL
9 OF THE CITY'S WONDERFUL HISTORIC GREAT PARADE, THE JULY 4TH
10 PARADE IN 2000. SO AT THIS TIME, DR. WHITE, WE WOULD LIKE TO
11 RECOGNIZE YOU AND CONGRATULATE YOU ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS AND WISH YOU CONTINUED MANY MORE YEARS OF GOOD
13 SERVICE. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **DR. WILLIAM WHITE:** I'M GREATLY HONORED BY THIS AND I WANT TO
16 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SEE YOU ON JULY 4TH. THIS MORNING, WE WOULD
19 LIKE TO WELCOME THE EARTHJAM 3 KIDS CONFERENCE ON THE
20 ENVIRONMENT SPONSORS WHO WERE ABLE TO HELP MAKE APRIL 9TH THE
21 EVENT HELD AT THE CALIFORNIA SCIENCE CENTER A COMPLETE
22 SUCCESS. NEARLY 300 FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADERS FROM THROUGHOUT
23 LOS ANGELES COUNTY GATHERED FOR THE EARTHJAMS 3 KIDS'
24 CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT. ONE OF THE LARGEST
25 ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN



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1 CALIFORNIA SPONSORED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT
2 OF PUBLIC WORKS. THE CONFERENCE WAS DESIGNED TO CHALLENGE
3 YOUNG PEOPLE TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT BY PRACTICING THE
4 THREE RS: REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE, AND BY TAKING STEPS TO
5 REDUCE STORM WATER POLLUTION. THE EARTHJAM 3 CHALLENGE INVITED
6 APPROXIMATELY 2,000 FOURTH GRADERS IN OUR PUBLIC AND PAROCHIAL
7 SCHOOLS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO PRODUCE RADIO, TELEVISION, OR
8 BILLBOARD PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT WOULD PROVIDE
9 SOLUTIONS TO SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. FOURTH GRADERS
10 FROM MCNAIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN COMPTON CAPTURED FIRST PLACE
11 HONORS WITH SECOND PLACE GOING TO FIFTH GRADERS FROM DOHARE
12 ELEMENTARY IN WALNUT AND THIRD GOING TO FIFTH GRADERS FROM
13 DECKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN POMONA. THE COUNTY IS PROUD TO
14 ALSO BE ONE OF THE SPONSORS, AND WE WOULD LIKE NOW TO
15 RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING GROUPS WHO WERE THE SPONSORS OF THIS
16 GROUP. FIRST, ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA SCIENCE CENTER, WE
17 WANT TO GIVE THIS TO LESLIE TAO AND ISABELA AGUIRRE CASTILLO.
18 FOR NBC, WE HAVE SUMMER GRODEN. HOW ARE YOU? FOR PEPSI COLA,
19 GREG HASKIN. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, WE HAVE TINA
20 SOEY, HOW ARE YOU? FROM SIZZLER U.S.A., MYRA ARVIALO. FROM THE
21 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY MICHAEL DELATORE, MICHAEL. AND
22 VERIZON, FRANK URIBE. JIM NOYES, DIRECTOR, DO YOU WANT TO SAY
23 A FEW WORDS, DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
24



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1 **JIM NOYES:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I JUST WANT TO THANK ALL OF
2 THESE PEOPLE HERE TODAY. THEY DID A TREMENDOUS JOB AND IT WAS
3 A REMARKABLE THING AND WORKING WITH THE YOUTH OF OUR
4 COMMUNITY, THAT IS OUR FUTURE, THE YOUTH, WHICH WE'RE TRYING
5 VERY HARD TO GET THEM ACCLIMATED TO DOING THE RIGHT KINDS OF
6 THINGS FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL STANDPOINT, AND WE THANK ALL OF
7 OUR PARTNERS HERE TODAY.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE GIRL NAMED DAISY, SHE'S
10 SIX WEEKS OLD, A LITTLE SHEPHERD MIX, WHO'S LOOKING FOR A
11 HOME. MAYBE ONE OF THE SPONSORS WOULD LIKE TO, BE A NICE
12 MASCOT FOR NBC, TO GO WITH THE PEACOCK, OR FOR SIZZLER. OKAY,
13 SO THIS IS DAISY. ANYBODY AT HOME WHO'D LIKE TO ADOPT HER, YOU
14 CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR SCREEN:
15 AREA CODE, 562-728-4644, OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE, LITTLE
16 DAISY, SHE'S A SHEPHERD MIX. ANYBODY? OKAY.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE
19 PRESENTATIONS? SHE DOES NOT HAVE ANY? OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WELL I
20 WILL -- I'LL GO ON WITH THIS, DO YOU WANT TO CALL THE HEARINGS
21 FIRST? THE -- WE HAD A HEARING LEFT OVER FROM LAST WEEK. I'D
22 LIKE TO CALL THAT FIRST. LET ME DO MY ADJOURNMENTS AND THEN
23 I'LL CALL ITEM NUMBER 100. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
24 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JUDGE JONATHON ZENITH LANGE, SR., A
25 LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL JUDGE FROM 1966 UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN



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1 1986. HE WAS A WORLD WAR II VETERAN. HE BEGAN PRE DENTAL
2 STUDIES AT COMPTON COLLEGE, HE CHANGED HIS CAREER GOAL TO LAW,
3 AND ATTENDED SOUTHWORTH UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PASSED THE
4 CALIFORNIA BAR IN 1951. HE LOVED PEOPLE AND PEOPLE LOVED HIM.
5 HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP IN LOS
6 ANGELES. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS BELOVED WIFE OF
7 33 YEARS, PATRICIA LANGE, AND A SON, JONATHON ZENITH F. LANGE,
8 JR., A JUDGE AT COMPTON COURTHOUSE. AND ALICE LEE, A COMMUNITY
9 ACTIVIST AND MEMBER OF THE SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION,
10 WHO PASSED AWAY ON FRIDAY, MAY 30TH. SHE WAS A LONG-TIME
11 RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT AND LEAVES TO CHERISH HER
12 MEMORY TWO DAUGHTERS, PAULA AND SHARON LEE, AND HER SON, MARK
13 LEE, AND SHE WAS HERE BEFORE US LAST WEEK TO MAKE A
14 PRESENTATION. DENZEL MARQUIS MARTIN SANDERS, THE THREE-YEAR-
15 OLD WHO WAS KILLED IN THE COMPTON SHOOTING ON FRIDAY MAY 30TH,
16 DURING A FAMILY GATHERING OUTSIDE A COMPTON RESIDENCE. HE WAS
17 THE SON OF ANTHONY SANDERS AND HIS MOTHER, TRACY MARTIN, WHO
18 WAS ALSO SHOT, STILL REMAINS HOSPITALIZED. HIS FATHER IS A
19 COUSIN OF ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR STAFF, RONITA BOLTON.
20 JANET COLLINS, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. SHE WAS A
21 PRIMA BALLERINA WHO WAS THE FIRST BLACK ARTIST TO BECOME A
22 PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN OPERA. SHE'S SURVIVED BY
23 HER BROTHER ERNEST PATRICK COLLINS, AND A SISTER WHO LIVES IN
24 PASADENA, BETTY WILKERSON. WALLACE TERRY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
25 THE AGE OF 65, A PIONEERING BLACK JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR WHO



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1 COVERED THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND VIETNAM. SHE'S SURVIVED
2 BY HIS WIFE JANICE, TWO SONS AND A DAUGHTER, A SISTER AND TWO
3 GRANDCHILDREN. FINALLY, JONATHON BROOKS. TWIN BROTHERS,
4 JONATHON AND JASON BROOKS WERE SHOT IN CARSON EARLY SUNDAY.
5 JONATHON DIED. JASON IS HOSPITALIZED. JONATHON BROOKS WAS 19
6 YEARS OLD. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, ALVIN L. BROOKS AND
7 JACQUELINE ORI, AND HIS GRANDMOTHER RAFAEL BROOKS, WHO IS A
8 CARSON SENIOR COMMISSIONER AND 38-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE SECOND
9 DISTRICT. SO ORDERED. I WILL CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 100, WHICH
10 WAS HEARING FROM -- ARE THE PEOPLE HERE FROM THE STAFF? AND
11 SOME PEOPLE HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES. AND MADAM CHAIR, I'M GOING TO ASK
14 ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY ON ITEM 100, THE PUBLIC HEARING
15 ITEM, TO PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT-HAND AND BE SWORN
16 IN. [ADMINISTERING OATH]

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP -- DO WE
21 HAVE A STAFF REPORT THAT WE CAN GIVE FIRST?

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES THE COUNTY COUNSEL.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WHILE THE COUNTY COUNSEL IS
2 COMING --

3

4 **RICHARD WEISS, ASS'T. COUNTY COUNSEL:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM
5 CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. YOU CONTINUED THIS HEARING LAST
6 WEEK SO THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE APPLICANT COULD MEET WITH
7 CONCERNED COMMUNITY MEMBERS. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THEY MET.
8 YOU MAY WISH TO HEAR FROM THEM AS TO THE -- WHAT HAPPENED AT
9 THE MEETING. WE HAVE PREPARED PROPOSED FINAL ENTITLEMENT
10 DOCUMENTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, THEY WERE PRESENTED TO YOUR
11 BOARD ON FRIDAY SO THAT IF YOU WERE INCLINED TO APPROVE THE
12 PROJECT WITH THE CONDITIONS THAT HAD BEEN IMPOSED BY THE
13 PLANNING COMMISSION, THOSE DOCUMENTS ARE BEFORE YOU TODAY AND
14 YOU COULD TAKE FINAL ACTION. YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY NOT REQUIRED TO
15 DO SO.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DAVID MOSS, OF MOSS &
18 ASSOCIATES. I -- WHAT I'LL DO IS I'LL CALL THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
19 IN FAVOR AT THE END. WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE OPPOSED AND
20 WE SHOULD HEAR EXACTLY WHAT THEIR CONCERNS ARE. BERNICE
21 TAYLOR, BRENDA HALL, RUBY BAXTER. WOULD YOU PLEASE COME
22 FORWARD? ALL RIGHT. JUST STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE. HAVE A SEAT
23 AND STATE YOUR NAME.

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1 **RUBY BAXTER:** GOOD MORNING TO THE BOARD AND ALL OF US PRESENT.
2 MY NAME IS RUBY BAXTER, AND I OPPOSE THE PROBABILITY OF A
3 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BEING PUT OVER IN THE WESTMONT
4 ATHENS AREA. I'M A RESIDENT THERE, AND MY MAIN CONCERN IS THAT
5 WE HAVE THE SCHOOL THERE AND THE CHILDREN, AND BEING THAT THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IF THAT'S THE FACILITY THAT
7 THEY'RE PLANNING ON BUILDING THERE WELL MY CONCERN IS THE
8 WELFARE OF THE CHILDREN AND THE MULTITUDE OF THE PEOPLE
9 TRAFFIC AND THE TRAFFIC THAT WOULD BE IN THE AREA.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES UH-HUH.

12

13 **BERNICE TAYLOR:** -- TO EVERYONE PRESENT, I AM FEELING -- I AM
14 BERNICE TAYLOR, AND I AM FEELING, AS SHE HAS ALREADY SPOKEN,
15 THAT THE TRAFFIC WILL BE HORRENDOUS. WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
16 WE HAVE THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, THE NURSERY SCHOOL, AND WE ARE
17 BOMBARDED WITH SO MUCH TRAFFIC NOW THAT WE FEEL THAT IT WOULD
18 BE SO UNSAFE FOR THE CHILDREN AS THEY GO TO AND FROM SCHOOL.
19 WE ARE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND IT IS VERY BAD JUST TO GET OUT
20 ON TO WESTERN. AND I JUST DON'T SEE HOW IT WILL BE WITH SO
21 MANY PEOPLE IN THIS PUBLIC OFFICE. ALSO, IT WAS PRESENTED TO
22 US AS AN OFFICE BUILDING, AND WE DIDN'T KNOW THAT D.P.S.S. WAS
23 ALSO GOING TO BE INVOLVED, AND WE FEEL THAT IT WILL REALLY
24 MAKE THE TRAFFIC VERY BAD. PLUS, OUR PROPERTY VALUES, AND SO
25 FEW PEOPLE KNEW OF THIS. I AM REALLY NEWLY INVOLVED BECAUSE I



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1 DIDN'T KNOW, AND AS I CANVASS THE NEIGHBORHOOD GETTING
2 SIGNATURES OF PEOPLE WHO OPPOSE, EVERYONE OPPOSED, AND WE HAD
3 A LETTER INDICATING THAT IT WAS APPROVED BY THE RESIDENTS WHO
4 HAD ATTENDED A PREVIOUS MEETING, BUT MOST OF US DIDN'T KNOW
5 ANYTHING ABOUT IT, AND WE FEEL THAT WE SHOULD BE HEARD AS A
6 COMMUNITY.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I'D LIKE TO ASK MARGARET --
9 HELEN MOODY AND MARGARET NEWTON TO COME FORWARD, AND NOW JUST
10 STATE YOUR NAME. YOU'RE MS. NEWTON, AREN'T YOU? YEAH. THEY'RE
11 COMING FORWARD. ALL RIGHT. MISS HALL?

12

13 **BRYENDA HALL:** YES. GOOD MORNING. I WAS HERE LAST WEEK AND I
14 REPRESENT THE 122ND STREET IN HALLDALE BLOCK CLUB. I HAVE A
15 LETTER HERE OF AN OPPOSITION FROM OUR BLOCK CAPTAIN OF 120TH
16 STREET. WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE D.P.S.S.
17 BUILDING IN OUR WEST ATHENS WESTMONT NEIGHBORHOOD. THE
18 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SITE THAT IS PLANNED FOR 120TH STREET,
19 AND OUR OPPOSITION AS FOLLOWS: THE LOT IS EXTREMELY SMALL,
20 IT'S 3 BY 3 ACRES. OUR EARLY NOTIFICATION ON THIS SITE DID NOT
21 SPECIFY THE LAND USE FOR A D.P.S.S. BUILDING. INCREASE IN
22 AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC AT THE INTERSECTION OF 120TH AND WESTERN
23 AVENUE, INCREASED AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC TRAVELING WEST ON 120TH
24 STREET TO ENTER THE FACILITY, INCREASE IN AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC
25 WEST OF 121ST STREET TO ENTER THE FACILITY, INCREASE IN



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1 AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC TRAVELING SOUTH ON WESTERN FROM IMPERIAL TO
2 120TH STREET. THE HENRY CLAY MIDDLE SCHOOL, LOCATED AT 1226
3 WESTERN AVENUE ALREADY REPRESENTS HEAVY AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC
4 EVERY MORNING AND EVENING AS PARENTS DROP OFF AND PICK UP
5 THEIR YOUNGSTERS. THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS COMING
6 FROM HENRY CLAY MIDDLE SCHOOL VIA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND
7 STREETS IN QUESTIONS AND THESE STREETS ARE BLOCKED AS THEY
8 COME AND GO. PRESENTLY, WE EXPERIENCE HEAVY TRAFFIC FROM
9 NORMANDIE AVENUE TO WESTERN AVENUE TO 120TH STREET. THE D.P.S.
10 BUILDING WOULD ADD EXTREME STRESS AND STRAIN ON OUR HOMEOWNER
11 -- TO OUR HOMEOWNERS WHO HAVE A RIGHT FOR PEACE AND
12 TRANQUILITY. THE ALREADY EXISTING INTERSECTION OF 120TH AND
13 WESTERN NEAR THE NIGHTCLUB AND THE CHESTER WASHINGTON GOLF
14 CLUB, TWO BLOCKS SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION AND WESTERN AVENUE
15 BY HENRY CLAY SCHOOL. ON A DAILY BASIS, WE PICK UP TRASH LEFT
16 BEHIND BY THE STUDENTS. WE JUST DON'T NEED THE ADDITIONAL
17 TRAFFIC TO ADD MORE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

18
19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOUR NAME, PLEASE STATE IT FOR THE
20 RECORD.

21
22 **BRYENDA HALL:** MY NAME IS BRYENDA HALL, MEMBER OF THE 122ND
23 STREET AND HALLDALE BLOCK CLUB.



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I'D LIKE
2 TO ASK NOW RICKY BARNETT TO COME UP AND TAKE YOUR PLACE. YES,
3 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

4

5 **HELEN MONDY:** MY NAME IS HELEN MONDY. I'M THE CAPTAIN OF THE
6 122ND STREET BLOCK CLUB. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
7 OUR CONCERNS -- THIS IS SOME PETITION -- THANK YOU. THIS IS,
8 OKAY, I THINK IT'S ABOUT 450 OF THE PEOPLE THAT SIGNED WITH
9 THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS REGARDING THIS
10 SAME ISSUE, AND MY CONCERNS IS GENERALLY THE SAME AS THEIRS,
11 IT'S REGARDING THE TRAFFIC, THE SCHOOL THAT IS ALREADY THERE,
12 THE DAYCARE CENTER THAT'S ALREADY THERE, AND ALL OF THESE
13 THINGS THAT ARE THERE THAT PRESENT PROBLEMS AS THEY ARE NOW,
14 AND IT'S GOING TO, TO SAY THE LEAST, TO -- IT'S GOING TO BE
15 WORSE ALONG WITH ALL OF THE OTHER ASPECTS, THAT THAT KIND OF
16 TRAFFIC WILL BRING TO AN AREA, ALONG WITH CRIME AND THE
17 TRAFFIC AND THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN, BECAUSE THAT'S AN
18 EXTREME ISSUE. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COULD JACK CLAYTER
21 PLEASE COME FORWARD. YES, STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

22

23 **MARGARET NEWTON:** MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS, MY NAME IS
24 MARGARET NEWTON. MY ADDRESS IS 1646 WEST 125TH STREET, AND I
25 REPRESENT THE BLOCK CLUB OF 125TH STREET. OUR CONCERNS ARE THE



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1 INTENT OF THE BUILDING AND HOW IT WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT
2 ON OUR COMMUNITY, NOT JUST ON WESTERN AND 120TH, TOO, EL
3 SEGUNDO BACK UP TO IMPERIAL, BUT ALL THE WAY OVER PROBABLY TO
4 NORMANDIE AND VERMONT, BECAUSE CHILDREN WALK TO SCHOOL. AND
5 WITH THE TRAFFIC COMING INTO THE AREA GOING TO A BUILDING OF
6 THAT NATURE, THERE IS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY OF A CHILD BEING
7 SNATCHED, BECAUSE THERE ARE SMALL CHILDREN WALKING AND NOT
8 ONLY TO HENRY CLAY, JR. HIGH SCHOOL, BUT ALSO UP TO WASHINGTON
9 HIGH SCHOOL. SO ACTUALLY, MY CONCERN IS FOR THE CHILDREN'S
10 SAFETY, ALSO FOR THE PROPERTY AND THE DAMAGE THAT A LOT OF
11 TRAFFIC WILL DO TO THE ROADS AND TO OTHER EXISTING AREAS IN
12 OUR COMMUNITY. AND I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT
13 REVISITING YOUR DECISION TO POSSIBLY PLACE THAT FACILITY
14 THERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES?

17

18 **RICKY BARNETT:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
19 NAME IS RICKY BARNETT. I'M A RESIDENT OF 121ST STREET FOR OVER
20 27 YEARS. I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE BLOCK CLUB OF OVER ABOUT
21 20 HOUSES. WE ARE GREATLY UPSET BEHIND THIS PROJECT. I AM VERY
22 ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THAT AREA WHEREAS I GO DOWN THERE MYSELF
23 EVERY DAY ON 121ST AND WESTERN AND PICK UP BAGS OF TRASH
24 ALREADY. WE FEEL THAT THE INCREASE OF TRAFFIC THERE WOULD
25 DEFINITELY HINDER PEACE AND TRANQUILITY, WHICH IS OUR RIGHT.



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1 WE FEEL THAT THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN, I HAVE SOME
2 GRANDCHILDREN, AND I FEEL VERY UNCOMFORTABLE KNOWING THAT THE
3 ADDED INFLUX OF PEOPLE THERE AND TRAFFIC WILL BE A DETRIMENT
4 TO THE SAFETY OF OUR GRANDCHILDREN. BUT MAINLY I'M CONCERNED
5 ABOUT THE CHILDREN AT HENRY CLAY ELEMENTARY. AND I SEE THOSE
6 CHILDREN WALKING EVERY DAY, AND SOME OF THEM ARE SOMEWHAT OUT
7 OF CONTROL, THEY'D BE RUNNING ACROSS THE STREETS, DON'T ABIDE
8 BY THE TRAFFIC SIGNS AND LIGHTS, THERE'S NO SUPERVISION OUT
9 THERE TO PROTECT THOSE CHILDREN. IF THAT INCREASE OF TRAFFIC
10 THERE, THERE'S A POSSIBILITY OF SOMEONE BEING KILLED THERE, SO
11 THIS IS A WARNING RIGHT NOW THAT YOU WOULD TAKE INTO
12 CONSIDERATION THE SAFETY OF THOSE CHILDREN, 'CAUSE THOSE YOUNG
13 KIDS IN HENRY CLAY, THEY ARE TOTALLY OUT OF CONTROL AFTER THEY
14 COME OUT OF SCHOOL, AND SOMEONE SHOULD DO A DEFINITE STUDY OF
15 THAT. I READ A PAPER WHERE IT SAID THERE WAS NO IMPACT WITH
16 TRAFFIC ON THE PAPER, AND THAT IS A LIE. IF YOU GO OUT THERE
17 EVERY EVENING WHEN THOSE CHILDREN GET OUT OF SCHOOL, YOU WILL
18 SEE, IT IS OUT OF CONTROL. EVEN THE PARENTS WOULD BE DRIVING
19 CRAZY OVER THERE TRYING TO PICK UP THEIR CHILDREN. IT IS A
20 MESS OUT THERE AND SOMEONE NEEDS TO CHECK INTO THIS. AND I
21 HOPE YOU TAKE OUR CONCERNS AND CONSIDERATION IN DEALING WITH
22 THIS MATTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR?

25



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1 **JACK CLAYTER:** MY NAME IS JACK CLAYTER. I'M AN OFFICER OF THE
2 121ST STREET BLOCK CLUB, AND I HAVE TWO ISSUES THAT I'D LIKE
3 TO ADDRESS AS WELL AS AGREE WITH THE PREVIOUS PRESENTATIONS.
4 NUMBER ONE, YOU ALL RECEIVED A LETTER THAT IS A RESULT OF A
5 MEETING HELD IN OCTOBER THAT WAS SENT BY HENRY PORTER, WHO IS
6 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. IN THAT
7 LETTER, HE STATES THAT THERE WERE 97 PEOPLE AT THE MEETING,
8 WHICH WAS HELD EARLIER THAT MONTH. I WAS AT THAT MEETING.
9 FIRST, I QUESTION IF THERE'S 97 PEOPLE, BUT BEYOND THAT, WE
10 WERE TO SIGN IN AS REPRESENTATIVES OF COMING TO THE MEETING. I
11 AS WELL AS I'M SURE NO ONE ELSE THERE KNEW THAT THAT SIGN-IN
12 SHEET WAS GOING TO BE USED AS A CONFIRMATION FOR SOMETHING
13 THAT WE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT. THAT'S NUMBER ONE. NUMBER TWO, IN
14 HIS LETTER, HE STATES THAT THE VOTE WAS TAKEN BY THAT GROUP
15 AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THIS PROJECT. THAT IS NOT TRUE. NO
16 VOTE WAS TAKEN. WHEN THIS ISSUE CAME UP, NONE OF US EVEN KNEW
17 THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE PRESENTED THAT NIGHT. WHEN IT CAME UP,
18 THERE WERE SO MANY QUESTIONS, AND THEY CAME SO FAST THAT HE
19 COULD NOT ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS 'CAUSE THERE WEREN'T
20 REPRESENTATIVES THERE TO ANSWER THE TECHNICAL KINDS -- FOR
21 EXAMPLE, THE TRAFFIC. THERE'S NO-ONE FROM TRAFFIC THAT DID
22 TRAFFIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDIES OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. SO
23 WHAT HE SAID WAS, "HOLD IT. THERE'S TOO MANY QUESTIONS. WE
24 WILL TABLE THIS UNTIL WE CAN GET PEOPLE HERE TO ANSWER THE
25 QUESTIONS AND WE'LL MOVE ON." THAT'S HOW THAT ISSUE MOVED ON



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1 THROUGH THE AGENDA. WE TOOK UP OTHER ISSUES AFTER THAT. THE
2 NEXT THING THAT WE KNOW, THIS LETTER WAS SENT TO YOU SAYING
3 THAT WE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT,
4 AND THAT IS NOT TRUE. SO THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE UPSET
5 ABOUT THE FACT OF BEING MISREPRESENTED. THAT'S THE FIRST
6 THING. THE SECOND THING, THE FACT THAT THE BUILDING WAS
7 APPROVED FOR THREE STORIES, OH THEY PRESENTED TO US A PROPOSAL
8 FOR THREE STORIES WITH I THINK 300, A POPULATION OF 300
9 EMPLOYEES, APPROXIMATELY, WITH PARKING, A TWO-STORY PARKING
10 STRUCTURE. AS A RESULT OF THE MAY 29TH MEETING, WHICH WAS LAST
11 MONDAY, AND THE PACKET PRESENTED BY MOSS & ASSOCIATES, WE'RE
12 TALKING ABOUT A THREE-STORY BUILDING AND A THREE-STORY PARKING
13 STRUCTURE, WHICH WE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT. ALSO IN THEIR
14 PRESENTATION, THERE WERE COPIES OF APPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL
15 IMPACT STUDIES, TRAFFIC STUDIES, AND OTHER STUDIES THAT WERE
16 APPROVED OR PRESENTED TO YOU FOR APPROVAL AND NONE OF THOSE
17 MEETINGS HAVE BEEN ATTENDED BY ANY OF US, NONE OF THEM. SO I
18 REPRESENT OUR BLOCK CLUB. SOME OF THEM COULD NOT BE HERE. MY
19 CLOSE FRIEND AND NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR, HOWARD BINGHAM, COULDN'T
20 BE HERE. HE WOULD DEFINITELY BE HERE, BECAUSE HE IS NOT IN
21 FAVOR OF IT, AS NO ONE IN THE AREA IS UNTIL WE HAVE SOME CLEAR
22 UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT'S HAPPENING, SOME DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE
23 TWO PARTIES, AND HOPEFULLY SOMETHING COULD BE WORKED OUT THAT
24 IS AMICABLE TO EVERYBODY. IT'S NOT THE FACT THAT WE DON'T WANT
25 TO SEE SOMETHING PUT ON A PIECE OF LAND. THAT IS NOT THE



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1 ISSUE. I AM ONE OF THE FEW OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT HAVE FIVE
2 KIDS WHO ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 10 YEARS OLD. I'M CONCERNED
3 ABOUT THE OVERFLOW OF THE PEOPLE GOING INTO THAT BUSINESS
4 OFFICE WHO HAVE LEISURE TIME OR WHATEVER AND ARE TRAVELING
5 BACK AND FORTH ON FOOT AND IN CARS AND IF THEY COME BY MY
6 NEIGHBOR -- BY MY HOUSE AND MY KIDS ARE OUT ON THE SIDEWALK
7 PLAYING, SOMEBODY SNATCH 'EM. I HAVE A BIG CONCERN ABOUT THAT,
8 AS WELL AS THE OTHER NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE LITTLE CHILDREN. SO,
9 RATHER THAN TAKE UP ANY MORE TIME, I'M PLEADING WITH YOU TO
10 RECONSIDER, PERHAPS DELAY THIS, AND LET'S ALL GO THROUGH THE
11 STEPS AS IT SHOULD BE. IMPACT STUDIES, WHATEVER, WE'RE WILLING
12 TO COME. SOME PEOPLE COULDN'T TAKE OFF WORK TO COME, BUT IF
13 THEY'RE HELD AT A REASONABLE TIME THAT WE CAN ATTEND, PEOPLE
14 ARE INTERESTED. WE'RE SCARED OF OUR PROPERTY VALUES TO GO
15 DOWN. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO
18 ASK MR. PORTER TO COME FORWARD, HENRY PORTER, AND HARLEY
19 SEARCY AND DAVID MOSS OF MOSS & ASSOCIATES. BUT WHILE THEY'RE
20 COMING UP, WHEN WAS THIS HEARD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION?
21 SEE, THERE WERE EXTENSIVE HEARINGS ON THIS BEFORE IT CAME
22 HERE.

23

24 **FRANK MENESES:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE
25 PLANNING COMMISSION HEARD-- APPROVED THIS PROJECT ON APRIL



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1 23RD, 2003. I BELIEVE THE ACTUAL PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD APRIL
2 16TH? APRIL 16TH THIS YEAR.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, AND DID EVERYONE RECEIVE NOTICE
5 OF THAT HEARING?

6

7 **FRANK MENESES:** THE NOTICES THAT WERE SENT WERE SENT TO
8 PROPERTIES WITHIN A THOUSAND FEET OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO EVERYONE WITHIN A THOUSAND FEET RECEIVED
11 A NOTICE --

12

13 **FRANK MENESES:** THAT'S CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OF THAT HEARING AT THE TIME THAT THE
16 HEARING WAS -- [MIXED VOICES].

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, THESE ARE SENT OUT BY THE PLANNING
19 COMMISSION, AND THEY ROUTINELY SEND THEM OUT, AND WERE THERE -
20 - WAS -- DID ANYONE APPEAR THERE?

21

22 **FRANK MENESES:** I DON'T BELIEVE WE HAD ANY OPPOSITION AT THE
23 PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING. WE DID HAVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT
24 FROM THE SOUTHWEST HOMEOWNERS.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. PORTER, FIRST, PLEASE GIVE
2 US YOUR NAME, THE PERSON FROM THE STAFF WHO'S TESTIFYING.
3 COULD YOU GIVE US YOUR NAME PLEASE?

4

5 **FRANK MENESES:** YES. FRANK MENESES, REGIONAL PLANNING
6 DEPARTMENT, L.A. COUNTY.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. PORTER.

9

10 **HENRY PORTER:** GOOD MORNING.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES WE'VE HEARD WHAT THE -- THEY HAVE SAID
13 ABOUT THE MEETING, THE COMMUNITY MEETING.

14

15 **HENRY PORTER:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WAS THE -- WERE THERE PEOPLE -- HOW MANY
18 PEOPLE WERE ABOUT THERE? DID THEY KNOW AND DID YOU SEND
19 NOTICES OF THE MEETING? I NOTICE YOU SAY YOU ALSO SENT A
20 NEWSLETTER OUT.

21

22 **HENRY PORTER:** YES. PROCEDURALLY, FOR THE LAST 23 YEARS, THIS
23 IS HOW THE BUSINESS HAS BEEN CONDUCTED WITH THE SOUTHWEST
24 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION WE MEET QUARTERLY. PRECEDING THOSE
25 MEETINGS, WE SEND OUT A NEWSLETTER, THE NEWSLETTER'S SENT TO



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1 THOSE PEOPLE THAT HAVE EITHER ATTENDED MEETINGS OR EXPRESSED
2 AN INTEREST IN BEING ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. IN
3 ADDITION TO THAT, THROUGH WORD OF MOUTH OR WE SEND ONE TO THE
4 SCHOOLS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE ALL AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING
5 ON. IN THAT OCTOBER NEWSLETTER, WE SPECIFICALLY STATED THIS
6 WOULD -- THIS WAS GOING TO BE AN ITEM OF DISCUSSION. THE WAY
7 THAT WE ARE INFORMED OF LAND USE FILINGS AND APPLICATIONS, OUR
8 ASSOCIATION PAYS AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEE TO REGIONAL
9 PLANNING, SO THEREFORE, WE GET A COPY OF THE SEMI MONTHLY
10 FILINGS. EVERY FILING THAT IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY, AS SOON AS I
11 GET THAT NOTICE IN OUR POST OFFICE BOX, WE BEGIN DISTRIBUTING
12 THAT INFORMATION THROUGH THE VARIOUS SOURCES THAT WE HAVE, OUR
13 PLANNING BOARD MEETS ONCE A MONTH, MRS. LEE WAS A MEMBER OF
14 THAT BOARD, AND AGAIN THROUGH ALL THE NEWSLETTERS, THROUGH THE
15 CLERGY COUNSEL, WHICH I ATTEND, THROUGH OUR CITIZENS ADVISORY
16 COMMITTEE. SO EVERY ACTIVITY THAT TAKES PLACE IN THE
17 COMMUNITY, ONCE WE GET THOSE LAND USE FILING NOTICES THAT WILL
18 AFFECT OUR AREA, WE BEGIN DISTRIBUTING THAT INFORMATION. AT
19 THE MEETING THAT MR. CLAYTER DESCRIBED, HIS RECOLLECTION IS
20 QUITE DIFFERENT THAN MINE. WHAT WE HAVE DONE, AGAIN, FOR THE
21 PAST 23 YEARS, WE PRESENT AN ISSUE AT THE MEETING AND WE WILL
22 DISCUSS IT AND WE WILL TAKE A VOTE. THE ONLY ISSUE, THE ONLY
23 ISSUE, THAT CAME UP AT THAT MEETING WAS CONCERN FOR THE
24 TRAFFIC, AND I DID NOT STATE THAT I HAD NO ANSWERS. WHAT I
25 STATED WAS THAT THE ROAD DEPARTMENT, ALL COUNTY AGENCIES, FIRE



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1 DEPARTMENT, WILL HAVE TO REVIEW THIS. IF, IN FACT, IT IS NOT
2 COMPATIBLE, IT SIMPLY WILL NOT BE APPROVED. AT THE TIME THIS
3 WAS RELATIVELY NEW, IT HAD NOT GONE TO REGIONAL PLANNING,
4 NOTHING ELSE HAD HAPPENED. I TALKED WITH MR. SEARCY ONLY ONE
5 TIME. I HAD A PLOT PLAN THAT I PUT UP ON THE WALL, THEY WERE
6 WANTING TO TAKE A LOOK AT TO SHOW WHERE THE LOCATION OF THE
7 BUILDING WOULD BE, WHERE THE PARKING STRUCTURE WOULD BE, AND
8 THE PHYSICAL LAYOUT. THAT WAS THE ONLY INFORMATION I HAD AT
9 THAT TIME, AT THAT OCTOBER 21ST MEETING. SO MR. CLAYTER'S
10 RECOLLECTION OF WHAT HAPPENED AT THE MEETING IS QUITE
11 DIFFERENT THAN MINE. PROCEDURALLY, WHAT WE DO, IS THAT UNLESS
12 THERE IS STRONG OPPOSITION TO WHERE WE'RE GOING TO DO
13 PETITIONS -- AND AGAIN, THIS IS THE PROCEDURE FOR THE LAST 23
14 YEARS -- IF THERE'S GOING TO BE A FAVOR -- FAVOR OF THE
15 PROJECT, WE DO NOT PASS OUT SIGNATURE SHEETS. WE DON'T DO IT.
16 NOW, BASED UPON WHAT HAS HAPPENED TODAY, WE PROBABLY WILL, WE
17 WILL PROBABLY CHANGE OUR PROCEDURES, BUT THAT HAS NOT BEEN AND
18 IT HAS NOT BEEN A PROBLEM UNTIL NOW. THE OFFICE BUILDING, THE
19 PROPOSED OFFICE BUILDING ITSELF WAS NEVER AN ISSUE. AT THE
20 TIME, THE D.P.S.S. ISSUE WAS NOT THERE BECAUSE I WAS NOT AWARE
21 OF IT. TODAY, I DON'T THINK THE OFFICE BUILDING IS AN ISSUE. I
22 THINK IT IS THE FACT THAT PEOPLE THAT, EITHER THROUGH BAD
23 CHOICES OR THROUGH BAD LUCK, NEED A HELPING HAND THAT WILL --
24 IS PERCEIVED AS ELEMENTS THAT ARE NOT DESIRABLE FOR OUR
25 COMMUNITY. I DO BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND USE



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1 OF THIS BUILDING WILL NOT ADVERSELY IMPACT THE HEALTH, SAFETY,
2 OR WELFARE OF OUR COMMUNITY. FURTHER, THE CURRENT LOCATION OF
3 D.P.S.S., WHICH HAS BEEN THERE SINCE I THINK THE EARLY '70S,
4 MID-70S, I'VE LIVED IN THE AREA ON 108TH STREET SINCE 1965. I
5 HAVE A LETTER HERE FROM ONE OF OUR RESIDENTS, MISS JOHNSON,
6 THAT LIVES TWO BLOCKS FROM D.P.S.S. HER CHILDREN WENT TO SAINT
7 FRANCIS COBRINI SCHOOL. WE'VE TALKED WITH THEM UP THERE. I AM
8 A VOLUNTEER WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I SPEND A LOT OF
9 TIME IN THE STREET. WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY CALLS FOR SERVICE AT
10 THAT BUILDING, IN MY MEMORY. THOSE PEOPLE GET OFF THE BUS. 80%
11 OF THEM COME BY BUS. THEY GET OFF THE BUS, THEY GO INTO THAT
12 D.P.S.S. BUILDING, THEY DO WHATEVER THEY HAVE TO DO, THEY COME
13 OUT, THEY GET ON THE BUS, AND THEN GO WHEREVER THEY'RE GOING.
14 THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY CALLS FOR SERVICE, THAT I KNOW. WE MEET
15 -- I'M ON THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE SHERIFF
16 ATLANTIC STATION. BEEN ON THERE FOR ABOUT FIVE OR SIX YEARS.
17 MONTHLY, WE GET A REPORT OF THE CRIME STATS IN EACH OF THE
18 RESPECTIVE PATROL AREAS. I CANNOT REMEMBER IN MY MEMORY
19 LOOKING AT OUR CRIME STATS AND SEEING ANY CALLS FOR SERVICE AT
20 D.P.S.S. BUILDING. SO I DON'T SEE ANY SUBSTANTIATING EVIDENCE
21 THAT THE PEOPLE SERVICED BY D.P.S.S., THE EMPLOYEES OF
22 D.P.S.S., ARE OF SUCH CRIMINAL MINDS, SUCH CRIMINAL INTENT,
23 THAT THEY'RE GOING TO POSE A THREAT TO OUR COMMUNITY.
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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. MR. PORTER, LET ME
2 HEAR FROM THE DEVELOPERS EXACTLY WHAT THEY HAVE -- DID YOU
3 HAVE A CHANCE TO MEET WITH THE PEOPLE WHO WERE HERE LAST WEEK?

4
5 **DAVID MOSS:** YES, WE DID, ON THE EVENING OF MAY 29TH THURSDAY.
6 AND AT THAT MEETING, THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 31 NEIGHBORS,
7 VERY ARTICULATE, VERY INTERESTED IN THE PROJECT. WE TOOK ALL
8 THE TIME NECESSARY, APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS, TO ANSWER ALL OF
9 THE QUESTIONS THAT CAME UP. THE TIME WAS WELL SPENT, BECAUSE
10 IT GAVE MANY PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FOR
11 THE FIRST TIME THOSE THINGS THAT THEY HAD MISSED FOR SEVERAL
12 REASONS. ON THE MATTER OF NOTICING, WE WERE VERY CAREFUL TO
13 EXPLAIN THE COUNTY'S PROCEDURES GENERALLY OF 500-FOOT RADIUS,
14 BUT IN THIS CASE, IT WAS A THOUSAND FOOT. IN ADDITION, WE
15 PULLED OUT THE RADIUS MAP AND WE EXPLAINED THAT WE CONTACTED
16 COUNTY STAFF AND OBTAINED A LIST OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AS
17 WE DO ON EVERY PROJECT, THIS IS OUR 18TH YEAR OF WORKING ON
18 PROJECTS IN THE COUNTY. AND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF
19 GAVE US THE LIST OF INTERESTED PARTIES TO ASSURE THAT ANY
20 SPLINTER GROUPS AS WE CALL THEM, ANY SUBGROUPS OF THE
21 SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
22 HAVE DIRECT NOTICE. SEVERAL, CERTAINLY NOT ALL OF THE PEOPLE
23 IN ATTENDANCE, SAID THAT THEY MAY HAVE ACTUALLY RECEIVED THE
24 NOTICE. WE SHOWED THEM THAT THEIR NAMES WERE ON THE LIST. THEY
25 SAID IT'S -- WE DON'T KNOW ITS DIFFERENCE FROM JUNK MAIL,



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1 PERHAPS WE MAY HAVE THROWN IT OUT OR IGNORED IT, BUT WE'RE
2 HERE TONIGHT BECAUSE NOW WE'RE INTERESTED. THERE WAS A
3 PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING HELD IN APRIL AS STAFF SAID, AND
4 WE KNOW THAT THE REQUISITE NOTICING WAS DONE AND THAT THE
5 POSTING WAS DONE ON THE SITE, ON THE FRONTAGE OF THE PROPERTY.
6 THE OTHER ISSUES THAT CAME UP WERE MOSTLY FOCUSED ON THE USE
7 AND TRAFFIC. PEOPLE WERE VERY, I THINK, SATISFIED, AND THEY
8 UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A CLASS A OFFICE BUILDING, IT IS THE
9 SAME QUALITY BUILDING THAT WOULD BE BUILT IN ANY MAJOR
10 COMMUNITY IN CALIFORNIA, BE IT BEVERLY HILLS OR BE IT LOS
11 ANGELES. THIS IS A VERY HIGH-END BUILDING. IT IS DESIGNED
12 PARTICULARLY FOR GENERAL OFFICE PURPOSES. THERE'S NOTHING
13 ABOUT IT THAT REQUIRES ANY KIND OF DIFFERENT AMENITIES FOR THE
14 PROPOSED USE. TRAFFIC WAS AN ISSUE. WE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE
15 TRAFFIC ISSUES PERTAINING TO THIS PROPERTY. WE EXPLAINED THAT
16 THE STREET FRONTAGE WOULD HAVE TO BE IMPROVED BASED ON THE
17 TRAFFIC STUDY ALONG WESTERN AND ALONG 120TH STREET SEGMENT
18 WESTBOUND IT WOULD BE IMPROVED TO ACCESS THE BUILDING. WE
19 EXPLAINED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO CONCERN WITH PARKING, THAT
20 THE USUAL REQUIREMENT FOR PARKING AT THIS BUILDING IS 200
21 SPACES. THERE WILL BE 600 ON SITE SPACES PROVIDED. THAT IS A
22 SIGNIFICANT MITIGATION MEASURE TO AVOID ANY NEED FOR PEOPLE TO
23 CIRCLE THE NEIGHBORHOOD OR HAVE ANY PROBLEMS OF QUEUING INTO
24 THE NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS OR ON TO WESTERN AVENUE. WE EXPLAINED
25 THAT THE ACCESS STREETS WERE BEING UPGRADED TO COUNTY TRAFFIC



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1 AND LIGHTING STANDARDS AND THAT THIS BUILDING WOULD FUNCTION
2 JUST LIKE ANY OTHER OFFICE BUILDING. WE TOOK A LOOK AT AND
3 REITERATED FOR THE FOLK THAT WERE PRESENT THAT THERE WILL BE
4 186 PEAK A.M. TRIPS, 192 PEAK P.M. TRIPS GENERATED BY THIS
5 PROJECT, AND THAT THAT IS A NON-SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AT THE AREA
6 INTERSECTION OF 120TH AND WESTERN OR ANY OF THE OTHER EIGHT
7 INTERSECTIONS WITHIN THE MILE RADIUS THAT WERE REQUIRED TO BE
8 STUDIED. WE DID DISCUSS THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES. THE
9 APPLICANT HAS AUTHORED A LETTER THAT HE'S PRESENTED TO STAFF
10 THAT INDICATES THAT IN THE EVENT THAT PARKS AND REC, INDOOR
11 TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ARE MINIMAL, WE CERTAINLY CAN IMPLEMENT
12 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CROSSWALK STANDARDS THAT THEY DEEM NECESSARY
13 TO FURTHER MITIGATE THE CONCERNS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WE
14 CANNOT CONTROL THE HABITS OF CURRENT DRIVERS IN THE AREA OR
15 SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE AREA, BUT WE KNOW THAT THIS IRREGULARLY
16 SHAPED PROPERTY IS ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THIS PARTICULAR USE,
17 THAT ALL OF THE REQUISITE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES HAVE BEEN
18 DONE: TRAFFIC, DRAINAGE, HYDROLOGY, FIRE, POLICE, THE SHERIFF
19 SERVICES, AND OTHER TYPES OF PHYSICAL STUDIES NECESSARY FOR
20 THE COUNTY TO BE LOOKING AT THIS PROJECT IN AN AFFIRMATIVE WAY
21 THROUGH THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND PERHAPS THROUGH THIS BOARD
22 AS WELL.

23
24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER YOU
25 WISH TO SAY?



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2 **HENRY PORTER:** UNLESS THERE IS ANY QUESTIONS, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT,
5 YOU KNOW, WE HAVE THIS EXPERIENCE ALL THE TIME WHEN ANYONE
6 MENTIONS D.P.S.S., BUT WE HAVE NOT HAD THE NEGATIVE RESULT
7 AFTER THE BUILDING GOES IN. IF YOU LOOK AT 38TH AND VERMONT,
8 WHERE THERE'S A NEW BUILDING THERE, AND YOU SEE -- FIRST OF
9 ALL, THERE WILL BE -- YOU'LL HAVE A CHILD CARE CENTER THERE.
10 RIGHT?

11

12 **HENRY PORTER:** IT'S UP TO THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION OF WHAT
13 THEY WANT.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. THERE ARE THE AMENITIES IN THE
16 BUILDINGS. IF YOU LOOK AT THAT ONE. I KNOW THAT AT HAWTHORNE
17 MALL, THERE WAS SOME QUESTION, THE CITY COUNCIL EVEN WAS
18 CONCERNED ABOUT IT, AND NOW THEY'RE TRYING TO GET ADDITIONAL
19 BUILDINGS THERE, BECAUSE THE D.P.S.S. BUILDINGS ARE NOT LIKE
20 THEY WERE YEARS AGO. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE
21 LOUNGING OUT IN FRONT, AND -- BUT I DO THINK IT'S VERY
22 IMPORTANT FOR THE DEVELOPER TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE
23 COMMUNITY AS ANY ISSUES COME UP, THAT THOSE ISSUES CAN BE
24 ADDRESSED AND THAT THERE BE A -- THAT YOU SET UP MEETINGS
25 RIGHT NOW TO START WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF



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1 THEIR CONCERNS AND, MR. PORTER AS WELL, I THINK THAT YOU NEED
2 TO WORK WITH THE MEMBERS OF THESE BLOCK CLUBS SO THAT THEY
3 HAVE TOTAL INPUT. WE -- EVERYTHING, ACCORDING TO THE
4 PROCEDURES, HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED HERE. IF SOME PEOPLE MISSED IT,
5 YOU KNOW, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN REALLY DO ABOUT THAT, WE HAVE
6 TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS, BUT IF THERE -- IF THIS BUILDING
7 CAUSES A NUISANCE OR A PROBLEM, WE WILL ADDRESS THAT. SO --

8

9 **HENRY PORTER:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, MAY I PLEASE SAY THAT I'D
10 ALREADY SPOKEN TO THE DEVELOPER, AND I'D ALREADY INFORMED HIM
11 THAT PRIOR, BEFORE ANYTHING HAPPENS ON THAT SITE, THAT HE
12 WOULD SIT DOWN WITH US AND WE WOULD MITIGATE ANY POTENTIAL
13 THING THAT WE CAN VISUALLY SEE THAT WOULD IMPACT THE CHILDREN
14 GOING TO AND FROM SCHOOL, ANYTHING ELSE THAT'S GOING ON AT
15 THAT SITE. FURTHER, I WAS AT -- OKAY.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO READ THIS MOTION.
18 THE PROJECT BEFORE US IS A REQUEST THAT WILL ALLOW FOR THE
19 AUTHORIZATION OF FACILITIES THAT WOULD BE LEASED TO THE LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. THIS
21 REQUEST RECEIVED NO OPPOSITION AT HEARINGS BEFORE THE REGIONAL
22 PLANNING COMMISSION. THE SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HAS
23 EXPRESSED SUPPORT. A COMMUNITY MEETING WAS HELD LAST WEEK WITH
24 122ND STREET BLOCK CLUB. I'VE REVIEWED THE FINDINGS OF THE
25 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND CONCUR WITH THE FAVORABLE



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1 RECOMMENDATION THAT THEY MADE TO THIS BOARD. I THEREFORE MOVE
2 THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, ORDER THE DEVELOPER
3 AND REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE
4 AFFECTED COMMUNITY AND HOMEOWNERS GROUPS TO MITIGATE COMMUNITY
5 CONCERNS, APPROVE THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION, AND ADOPT LOCAL
6 PLAN AMENDMENT NUMBERED 02286, AND INDICATE OUR INTENT TO
7 APPROVE ZONE CHANGE AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER 02286
8 AND INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE APPROPRIATE
9 FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS IN ZONE CHANGE ORDINANCE. YES COUNTY
10 COUNSEL.

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12 **RICHARD WEISS:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY --

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND?

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECOND.

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18 **RICHARD WEISS:** WE HAVE PREPARED THE DOCUMENTS, THE ZONE CHANGE
19 ORDINANCE, THE PLAN AMENDMENT, THE FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS
20 HAVE ALREADY BEEN PREPARED, SO IF YOU ARE INCLINED TO ACTUALLY
21 TAKE FINAL ACTION AND APPROVE THE PROJECT TODAY COMPLETELY,
22 YOU MAY DO THAT.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THEN THE MOTION WOULD BE TO
25 CLOSE THE HEARING.



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2 **RICHARD WEISS:** APPROVE THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ADOPT THE
3 LOCAL PLAN AMENDMENT, THE ZONE CHANGE AND THE CONDITIONAL USE
4 PERMIT WITH THE ATTACHED CONDITIONS, ALONG WITH YOUR
5 RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE APPLICANT CONTINUING TO WORK WITH
6 THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO THAT WAS THE MOTION AND
9 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.
10 AND LET ME SAY TO THE COMMUNITY, WE WILL HAVE SOMEONE ALSO
11 THERE WORKING WITH YOU.

12

13 **HENRY PORTER:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SOMEONE OVER HERE WILL SPEAK TO YOU FROM
16 THE OFFICE. WHERE IS -- JOHN? WOULD YOU SPEAK TO HER, THERE'S
17 A LADY THAT WANTS TO SPEAK TO YOU. ALL RIGHT, THE NEXT ITEM --
18 IS ITEM 84. RICHARD ROBINSON. HE'S IN FAVOR OF IT. WHERE'S
19 MICHAEL? ITEM 84. MR. ROBINSON?

20

21 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** MADAM CHAIR WOMAN AND MEMBERS, RICHARD
22 ROBINSON, NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZER, PRESENTLY RESIDING IN
23 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S DISTRICT. MA'AM, I'M ECHOING MR.
24 SHAPIRO IN HIS WEEKLY COLUMN IN THE WATTS TIME LAST MONTH.
25 WHEN ASSEMBLYMAN MARK RIDLEY THOMAS INITIATED THE COMMUNITY



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1 ORIENTED POLICING CONCEPT MORE THAN A DECADE AGO, THE FORMER
2 CITY COUNCILMAN'S DETERMINATION WAS TO TRAIN POLICE RECRUITS
3 IN ORDER TO EMPOWER THE COMMUNITIES THEY GREW UP IN, USING A
4 BOTTOM-UP METHOD OF POLICING THE COMMUNITY. THE VALUE OF
5 COMMUNITY BEGINS WITH FAMILY VALUES. THE TRAINING OF OFFICERS
6 IN ORDER TO RETURN THEM TO POLICE THE COMMUNITIES THEY ARE
7 FAMILIAR WITH, I BELIEVE, WILL ELIMINATE THE ALIENATION CAUSED
8 BY THIS LACK OF FAMILIARITY WITH THE COMMUNITY. [COUGHING].

9

10 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** PARDON ME. OFFICERS FROM OUTSIDE THE
11 COMMUNITY, OFTEN FROM OUT OF STATE, HAVE LED THE COMMUNITIES
12 ERRONEOUSLY TO THIS PRESENT DISTRESS. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY,
15 SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WELL WE HAVE
16 REPORTS ON 97. IS THE DEPARTMENT PRESENT? THE SHERIFF AND THE
17 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH? COULD THEY PLEASE COME FORWARD? WE
18 HAVE A REPORT ON M.R.S.A. ALL RIGHT, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF
19 QUESTIONS I'D LIKE TO ASK FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NOW,
20 EXACTLY WHAT HAS -- IS THE POLICY AND WHAT IS THE SITUATION.

21

22 **CHUCK JACKSON:** IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTION -- EXCUSE ME, IN
23 RESPONSE TO YOUR MOTION --

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME PLEASE.



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2 **CHUCK JACKSON:** I'M SORRY. CHUCK JACKSON, CHIEF OF CORRECTIONAL
3 SERVICES DIVISION, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. REGARDING YOUR MOTION
4 FROM LAST WEEK, MA'AM. CENTRAL JAIL, WHICH WAS ONE OF THE
5 TARGET FACILITIES, USED TO HAVE A POLICY OF JUST LETTING
6 INMATES OUT FOR SHOWERS WITH NO RESTRICTIONS ON ANY OTHER
7 ACTIVITIES. THEIR CURRENT POLICY IS WHEN INMATES ARE ALLOWED
8 OUT FOR SHOWERS, THE TELEPHONES THAT ARE IN THE CELLS ARE
9 TURNED OFF. THEREFORE THE INMATE IS ENCOURAGED TO GO TAKE A
10 SHOWER BECAUSE THERE WON'T BE ANY PHONE ACCESS DURING THAT
11 TIME. THAT APPLIES TO ALL OF OUR CELL -- OUR MULTI-MAN CELLS
12 AND WHAT WE GENERALLY CALL THE NEW SIDE. THE DORMITORY
13 SETTINGS, THE SHOWERS ARE AVAILABLE NEARLY 20 HOURS A DAY.
14 TELEPHONES ARE ALSO ACCESSIBLE DURING THAT TIME, AS ARE
15 VENDING MACHINES. WE CURRENTLY HAVE NO VENDING MACHINES IN THE
16 CELL AREAS OF CENTRAL JAIL. THAT IS PLANNED FOR FUTURE
17 EXPANSION. THE TWIN TOWERS FACILITY, THE INMATES ARE ALLOWED
18 OUT IN THE MORNINGS, APPROXIMATELY 7:00 A.M. AFTER BREAKFAST.
19 THEY'RE USUALLY KEPT IN TWO PERSON CELLS OVERNIGHT FOR
20 SECURITY PURPOSES. THEY REMAIN OUTSIDE OF THEIR CELLS UNTIL
21 APPROXIMATELY 20 OR 9:00 P.M. AT NIGHT. THEY HAVE FULL ACCESS
22 TO SHOWERS, TELEPHONES, AND VENDING MACHINES DURING THE ENTIRE
23 DAY, SO THEY'RE NOT LIMITED AS TO WHEN THEY CAN TAKE A SHOWER.
24 THAT APPLIES TO BOTH THE MALE AND FEMALE SIDES OF THE TOWERS.
25 NORTH COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IS A DORMITORY-TYPE SETTING



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1 FOR MOST OF THE BUILDINGS. THE SHOWERS ARE AVAILABLE IN EVERY
2 DORMITORY, APPROXIMATELY 20 HOURS PER DAY. THE TELEPHONES ARE
3 AVAILABLE THE SAME 20 HOURS PER DAY. THEY'RE ONLY TURNED OFF
4 AT NIGHT DURING SLEEP HOURS. THE DORMITORIES THAT HAVE VENDING
5 MACHINES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SAME TIME PERIOD, SO THERE'S NO
6 RESTRICTIONS ON WHEN THEY CAN OR CANNOT TAKE SHOWERS. IT IS
7 STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. P.D.C. EAST FACILITY IS A DORMITORY STYLE
8 SETTING SIMILAR TO N.C.C.F., THE SHOWERS AND TELEPHONES ARE
9 AVAILABLE APPROXIMATELY 20 HOURS PER DAY WITH NO RESTRICTIONS,
10 AND THE FEW DORMITORIES WITH VENDING MACHINES, THOSE VENDING
11 MACHINES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SAME TIME PERIODS, THEY'RE NOT
12 TURNED OFF. OUR P.D.C. NORTH FACILITY IS ANOTHER DORMITORY-
13 TYPE SETTING. SHOWERS AND TELEPHONES ARE, AGAIN, AVAILABLE 16
14 TO 20 HOURS PER DAY, NO RESTRICTIONS. AND THE OLD SOUTH
15 FACILITY, THE FEW INMATES WE HAVE OUT THERE, IS A BARRACKS
16 STYLE, THOSE INMATES HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR SHOWERS BASICALLY 24
17 HOURS A DAY. THE TELEPHONES ARE OUTSIDE THE BUILDING, SO THEY
18 HAVE TO GO OUTSIDE, AND THEY'RE AVAILABLE ABOUT 16 HOURS PER
19 DAY. THERE WAS A QUESTION ON THE USE OF FORCE, AND WHILE I
20 DON'T HAVE THE COUNTY COUNSEL OPINION, I CAN TELL YOU THAT IN
21 THE CASES OF INMATES DIAGNOSED WITH M.R.S.A. OR SUSPECTED OF
22 HAVING M.R.S.A., IF THEY WERE TO REFUSE, AND WE HAVEN'T HAD
23 ONE YET, IF THEY WERE TO REFUSE TO TAKE A SHOWER OR
24 PARTICIPATE IN THE MEDICATION PROGRAM, WE WOULD THEN
25 ADMINISTRATIVELY SEGREGATE THEM AND PLACE THEM IN ISOLATION SO



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1 THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE A CONTAMINANT TO OTHER INMATES IN THE
2 FACILITY. BUT AGAIN, WE HAVE NOT HAD THAT SITUATION ARISE TO
3 THIS DATE. THERE WAS ALSO AN ISSUE OF SOAP, WHETHER OR NOT
4 IT'S AVAILABLE. BARRING THE SHORTAGE AND THE S & S FUNDS FOR
5 ALL OF THE VARIOUS JAILS OUT THERE, I HAVE DIRECTED OUR INMATE
6 SERVICES DIVISION TO PURCHASE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF AN
7 ANTI-BACTERIAL SOAP, AND I'M TOLD THAT ALL SOAPS ARE ANTI-
8 BACTERIAL BUT THIS IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED AS AN ANTI-
9 BACTERIAL SOAP. IT'S MADE AVAILABLE UPON EVERY BOOKING, YOU
10 GET WHAT YOU CALL A -- AN ENTRY KIT, SOAP, TOOTHBRUSH, COMB,
11 RAZOR, OTHER ITEMS. THE INDIGENT INMATES THAT CANNOT AFFORD TO
12 PURCHASE THEIR OWN SOAPS OR OTHER ITEMS WEEKLY CAN GET AN
13 INDIGENT KIT WHICH CONTAINS THE SAME TYPE BAR OF SOAP. THE
14 INMATES WITH MONEY CAN PURCHASE THEIR OWN BRAND OF SOAP IF
15 THEY SO CHOOSE, AND AT ANY TIME, ANY DAY AN INMATE CAN REQUEST
16 SOAP FROM A HOUSING OFFICER, BE IT IN THE MALE FACILITY OR THE
17 FEMALE FACILITY.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, YES. DR. FIELDING.

20

21 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** THANK YOU. LET ME JUST SUMMARIZE WHERE
22 WE ARE. THE NUMBER OF INMATES WITH NEW M.R.S.A. INFECTIONS IN
23 APRIL WAS 109. THOSE FOR THE FIRST 23 DAYS OF MAY WAS 116. AS
24 WE INDICATED BEFORE, MANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE MADE
25 COULD INCREASE THE NUMBER OF IDENTIFIED INFECTIONS, SO WE



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1 DON'T BELIEVE THAT THIS SMALL PATTERN OF INCREASE IS
2 NECESSARILY SUGGESTIVE OF AN INCREASING PROBLEM. WE HAVE BEEN
3 LOOKING AT THE PERCENTAGE OF THOSE THAT ARE IDENTIFIED WITHIN
4 THE FIRST FIVE DAYS, BECAUSE THOSE WOULD BE THE ONES THAT HAD
5 ACQUIRED THIS OUTSIDE THE JAIL AND COMING IN WITH IT, AND THE
6 PERCENTAGE OF THOSE IDENTIFIED WITHIN FIVE DAYS HAS INCREASED
7 FROM 9% IN 2002 TO 14% IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 2003. SO
8 MORE PEOPLE ARE COMING IN, IN ADDITION, I THINK THERE IS
9 BETTER, MORE QUICK IDENTIFICATION OF THE INMATES WITH SKIN
10 INFECTIONS IN THE JAILS. I WOULD JUST MENTION ABOUT WOMEN,
11 THAT 17% OF THE M.R.S.A. INFECTIONS ARE IN WOMEN. THAT'S AN
12 INCREASE FROM 12% IN 2002. THEY TEND TO BE IDENTIFIED EARLIER
13 THAN IN MEN, 56% OF NEW INFECTIONS IN WOMEN WERE IDENTIFIED IN
14 THE FIRST 15 DAYS, INCLUDING 34% WITHIN THE FIRST FIVE DAYS.
15 AGAIN, THOSE REFLECTING THOSE ALREADY COMING IN WITH THIS
16 PROBLEM. IN THE LONG-TERM, WE DO NOT EXPECT FULL ERADICATION
17 OF M.R.S.A. IN THE JAIL. THERE HAVE BEEN M.R.S.A. OUTBREAKS IN
18 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES IN MISSISSIPPI, GEORGIA, PENNSYLVANIA,
19 MISSOURI, TEXAS, OHIO, AND OTHER PARTS OF CALIFORNIA. IN FACT,
20 THE STRAIN SEEN IN OUR JAIL HAS BEEN SEEN IN OTHER JAIL
21 OUTBREAKS. THE INHERENT CONDITIONS IN THE JAIL: CLOSE, CROWDED
22 LIVING CONDITIONS, SUBOPTIMAL HYGIENE, SHARED PERSONAL ITEMS
23 AND EQUIPMENT AND MISIDENTIFICATION OF SKIN LESIONS ALL CAN
24 CONTRIBUTE TO THE SPREAD OF THIS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.
25 IN FACT, SOME OF THE SAME CONDITIONS HAVE ALSO LED TO SOME



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1 PROBLEMS, SOME OUTBREAKS IN THE COMMUNITY. IN TERMS OF
2 RECOMMENDATIONS AS I MENTIONED THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF
3 SUCCESSFUL ERADICATION. HOWEVER, WE DO BELIEVE IF THE
4 RECOMMENDATIONS WE PROVIDED IN AUGUST OF 2002, WHICH WE'VE
5 SUPPLIED ANOTHER COPY TO YOU OF, ARE FULLY FOLLOWED, THAT
6 THERE CAN BE AN IMPROVEMENT IN CONTROL. THE MAIN ISSUES THERE,
7 EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND PROPER TREATMENT OF INMATES WITH
8 M.R.S.A., PERSONAL HYGIENE, INCLUDING ACCESS TO SHOWERS, SOAP,
9 AND LAUNDRY, ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL INCLUDING CLEANING DORMS,
10 TABLES, BEDS, ET CETERA, AND EDUCATION OF BOTH INMATES AND
11 CUSTODY STAFF ABOUT M.R.S.A., HOW IT'S SPREAD, AND HOW TO
12 PROTECT ONESELF. OUR RECOMMENDATIONS WERE DRAFTED WITH
13 PARTICIPATION FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
14 PREVENTION IN ATLANTA, AND THOSE WERE BASED ON THE APPROACHES
15 TAKEN IN OTHER FACILITIES. IN FACT, THE PRINCIPLES THAT WE'VE
16 USED HERE ARE THOSE BEING USED TO DEVELOP NATIONAL GUIDELINES
17 FOR THE CONTROL OF M.R.S.A. WE MADE ALSO ANOTHER RECENT
18 RECOMMENDATION TO THE JAIL TO SYSTEMATICALLY REVIEW THE
19 MEDICAL CHARTS OF INMATES WITH M.R.S.A. TO MAKE SURE THEY'VE
20 RECEIVED ADEQUATE WOUND CARE AND ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT AND TO
21 USE THIS EFFORT TO IMPROVE MEDICAL CARE. WE'RE WORKING CLOSELY
22 WITH THE SHERIFF IN TERMS OF DEVELOPING HEALTH EDUCATION, BOTH
23 FOR INMATES AND FOR CUSTODY STAFF, AND I WOULD JUST MAKE TWO
24 OTHER POINTS. ONE IS WITH RESPECT TO ISOLATION. AS THE CHIEF
25 INDICATED, WE BELIEVE THAT IF THERE ARE INMATES WITH M.R.S.A.



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1 WHO ARE RECALCITRANT AND NOT WILLING TO BE -- TO TAKE A SHOWER
2 OR TO HAVE IT COVERED, KEEP THE WOUND COVERED OR TO GET THE
3 APPROPRIATE CARE, THAT ISOLATION IS AN APPROPRIATE AND
4 NECESSARY STRATEGY. AND FINALLY, WE BELIEVE THE JAIL IS MAKING
5 PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING POLICIES CONSISTENT WITH OUR
6 RECOMMENDATIONS. WE FEEL THAT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SENSES THE
7 SERIOUSNESS OF THE OUTBREAK AND THEY'RE MAKING A REAL EFFORT.
8 HOWEVER, WE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ARE NOT IN A
9 POSITION TO CONDUCT THE ONGOING MONITOR THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED
10 AROUND THE CLOCK TO REALLY REPORT IN MULTIPLE FACILITIES ON
11 THE PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THESE CONTROL MEASURES DETAILED
12 IN OUR RECOMMENDATIONS. SO WE'RE NOT IN A POSITION, REALLY, TO
13 KNOW HOW WELL THE POLICIES ARE BEING CARRIED OUT, BUT
14 CERTAINLY THERE'S BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL EFFORT TO MAKE SURE THAT
15 OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE TRANSLATED INTO POLICIES AND
16 COMMUNICATED.

17

18 **DR. CLARK:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DR. CLARK. VERY BRIEFLY, I
19 JUST WANTED TO COMMENT ON THE QUALITY ASSURANCE ASPECT OF THE
20 RECOMMENDATIONS. OVER THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS MUCH OF MY
21 RESPONSIBILITY AND ATTENTION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON THIS PROCESS.
22 IN EACH INSTANCE, WHERE WE HAVE A POSITIVE CULTURE, WE REVIEW
23 EVERY MEDICAL RECORD. WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT THE TREATMENT WAS
24 TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE IN ANY INSTANCES, AND THERE HAVE BEEN
25 ABOUT FOUR, WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL WAS NOT ON THE APPROPRIATE



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1 ANTIBIOTICS. WE DO CONTACT THE TREATING PHYSICIAN, WE REVIEW
2 THE CHART WITH THAT PHYSICIAN, AND WE MAKE SURE THAT THE
3 INDIVIDUAL IS PLACED ON THE CORRECT THERAPEUTIC REGIMEN. WE
4 WILL CONTINUE THIS PROCESS OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD ANYTHING THEN?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** NO.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ARE THERE QUESTIONS?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DAVID HOW FAR ALONG ARE YOU IN FUNDING THE
13 HIRING OF THE EPIDEMIOLOGIST FOR THE JAILS AS REQUESTED BY THE
14 SHERIFF?

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, AS FAR AS I KNOW, IT'S JUST A
17 REQUEST. I DON'T THINK THE BOARD HAS EVEN CONSIDERED IT YET.
18 NOBODY'S PAYING ATTENTION. SO I DON'T THINK THE REQUEST HAS
19 BEEN FORMALLY PRESENTED TO YOU. SO THE ANSWER IS, WE'RE NOT
20 HIRING ANYBODY.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. FIELDING, HOW CRUCIAL IS THAT POSITION?

23

24 **CHUCK JACKSON:** FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, SUPERVISOR, IT'S VERY
25 CRUCIAL. WE HAVE SEVERAL OF OUR CURRENT PHYSICIANS THAT ARE



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1 TRYING TO DO AS A COLLATERAL SOME OF THIS FOLLOW-UP. AS DR.
2 FIELDING MENTIONED, WE HAVE TASKED HEALTH SERVICES WITH DOING
3 THE FOLLOW-UP STRICTLY FOR M.R.S.A. AND WE'RE KEEPING DR.
4 BANCROFT EXTREMELY BUSY AND AWAY FROM HER OTHER DUTIES. WE DO
5 NEED IN FACT AN EPIDEMIOLOGIST AND A SUPPORT STAFF NECESSARY
6 TO FOLLOW, TRACK, AND MONITOR THE M.R.S.A. ISSUES AS WELL AS
7 H.I.V./A.I.D.S., T.B., AND OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES WITHIN
8 THE JAIL SYSTEM. I THINK IT'S AN APPROPRIATE EXPENDITURE. WE
9 HAVE TRIED TO LOOK AT OTHER SOURCES FOR IT, AND THEY JUST DO
10 NOT EXIST WITHIN THE MEDICAL SERVICES BUREAU.

11

12 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** SUPERVISOR, BECAUSE OF THE REASONS THE
13 CHIEF HAS SUGGESTED WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THEIR CREATION OF AN
14 INDEPENDENT EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT IN THE JAIL.
15 AS THE CHIEF INDICATED IT'S NOT JUST AN ISSUE OF M.R.S.A.
16 THERE ARE ISSUES OF MENINGITIS, PNEUMONIA, SCABIES, HEPATITIS,
17 TUBERCULOSIS, GASTROINTESTINAL ILLNESS AND THERE'S A LOT OF
18 HEPATITIS C FOR EXAMPLE, IT REALLY I THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT,
19 BECAUSE WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS HAVE A CAPACITY WITHIN THE JAIL
20 TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS EARLY. THIS PROBLEM WAS IDENTIFIED LATE,
21 AND IT WOULD HAVE LIKELY BEEN IDENTIFIED EARLIER IF THERE HAD
22 BEEN THIS KIND OF A TEAM IN PLACE. AND I WOULD JUST POINT OUT
23 THAT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLES OF THAT TEAM IS TRYING TO
24 MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT DISCHARGING A LOT OF INMATES WITH



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1 PROBLEMS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BRING BACK AND SPREAD IN THEIR
2 COMMUNITY.

3

4 **DR. CLARK:** WITHOUT QUESTION, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, ESTABLISHING
5 A POSITION OF A PHYSICIAN EPIDEMIOLOGIST IS ABSOLUTELY
6 CRUCIAL. THE JAIL ENVIRONMENT IS, IN FACT, A PUBLIC HEALTH
7 LABORATORY. WE SEE A VAST AMOUNT OF PATHOLOGY IN THAT SETTING.
8 IN ADDITION TO THAT, GIVEN THE MOVEMENT AND THE VOLUME OF
9 INMATES THAT COME IN AND OUT OF OUR SYSTEM, IT CAN ALSO BE A
10 PUBLIC HEALTH NIGHTMARE, AND WE DO NEED SOMEONE WHO CAN BE
11 RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING OUR DATA, MONITORING THE TRENDS OF
12 WHAT'S GOING ON WITH DISEASE PATTERNS IN THE JAIL. ABSOLUTELY
13 ESSENTIAL.

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. ANTONOVICH, I THINK THE PROPER PLACE FOR
16 YOU TO CONSIDER THIS IS DURING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. I DON'T
17 THINK YOU WANT TO ADDRESS IT SEPARATELY TODAY AS A STAND-ALONE
18 ITEM, AS YOU'RE LOOKING AT \$470 MILLION WORTH OF REDUCTIONS IN
19 THE DEPARTMENT, AND YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO EVALUATE THE
20 PRIORITY OF THIS AGAINST ALL THE REST OF IT. SO IF YOU ARE
21 INTERESTED IN PURSUING IT, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT IT GO INTO
22 DELIBERATIONS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT WOULD BE JUNE 23RD?

25



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, WE'LL BRING FORTH A MOTION, AND IF THE
4 DEPARTMENT WOULD BE HERE FOR THAT OPPORTUNITY TO, ONCE AGAIN,
5 TO REMIND THE BOARD AS TO THE URGENCY OF THIS ISSUE. LET ME
6 ASK, HOW MANY CONFIRMED INMATE M.R.S.A. CASES HAVE YOU
7 ENCOUNTERED IN THE JAILS SINCE LAST JANUARY?

8

9 **DOCTOR:** SINCE LAST JANUARY, I THINK THERE'S BEEN 521.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 121?

12

13 **DOCTOR:** 521.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE -- I COMMEND YOU FOR TAKING THE
16 ACTION TO CUT OFF THE PHONES. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
17 DISINCENTIVES TO SHOWERS, LIKE THE PHONES THAT ARE STILL BEING
18 PERMITTED?

19

20 **CHUCK JACKSON:** NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF. I HAVE PERSONALLY WALKED
21 OVER THERE TO LOOK NOW TO SEE IF THERE'S ANY CONFLICT WHEN
22 IT'S SHOWER TIME, ESPECIALLY AT C.J., WHEN IT'S SHOWER TIME AT
23 C.J. THERE ARE NO OTHER EXTERNAL INFLUENCES THERE. THEY'RE IN
24 FACT ENCOURAGED TO GO TO THE SHOWERS, AND, WHEN POSSIBLE, AND



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1 WHEN AVAILABLE, WE GO THROUGH THE CLEANING PROCESS AT THE SAME
2 TIME.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE INFORMATION WE DISCUSSED LAST TIME
5 ABOUT A TRAINING VIDEO WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
6 AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT?

7

8 **CHUCK JACKSON:** RIGHT, WE CURRENTLY HAVE TRAINING VIDEOS BOTH
9 FOR STAFF AND FOR INMATES. THE ONE FOR INMATES IS SHOWN THREE
10 TIMES A DAY AT ALL FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE I.R.C., WHICH IS
11 THE INTAKE ARENA, SO THAT THE INMATES ARE, IN FACT, RECEIVING
12 THAT TYPE OF INFORMATION. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE PLACED UP
13 POSTERS AS FAR AS M.R.S.A., PROPER HYGIENE, AT ALL OF OUR
14 FACILITIES, INCLUDING I.R.C.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN YOU RECOMMEND ANY OTHER POLICIES OR
17 ACTIONS THAT COULD BE IMPLEMENTED TO STOP THE SPREAD OF THE --

18

19 **CHUCK JACKSON:** WELL ACTUALLY, WE'RE RECOMMENDING QUITE A FEW
20 CHANGES, SIR. AT CENTRAL JAIL, AS REQUESTED, AND IS IN PROCESS
21 OF PURCHASING NEW CLEANING A TYPE OF EQUIPMENT, IT'S MUCH LIKE
22 A STEAM CLEANER, THAT THEY CAN ACTUALLY GO IN THERE AND
23 COMPLETELY HOSE DOWN A CELL AND IT'S EITHER WITH THE CLEANING
24 AGENT AND A COMBINATION OF STEAM. WE UNDERSTAND THAT'S -- WILL
25 ASSIST US IN ERADICATING PART OF THE PROBLEM. WE HAVE NOW



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1 MODIFIED THE CLOTHING AND MATTRESS EXCHANGE PROCESS WHEN AN
2 INMATE IS RELEASED FROM CUSTODY, ALL CLOTHING AND THE MATTRESS
3 IS TAKEN FROM THE CELL, IT'S CLEANED BEFORE IT'S REDISTRIBUTED
4 AGAIN. LAUNDRY, OF COURSE, IS SENT UP TO THE NORTH FOR
5 LAUNDRY. I'M HAVING TO TAKE SOME OTHER STEPS IN THE NORTH
6 COMPOUNDS WHERE THEY DO THE LAUNDRY, BECAUSE WE HAVE
7 INSUFFICIENT INMATE WORKERS. WE'RE MODIFYING THE RESTRICTIONS
8 TO GET AVAILABLE INMATE WORKERS UP THERE AND WE'LL BE PURSUING
9 SOME NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR HIGHER SECURITY TO GET INMATES UP
10 THERE TO DO LAUNDRY. IT'S TWELVE HOUR -- OR I SHOULD SAY TWO
11 SHIFTS A DAY VERSUS THE CURRENT ONE SHIFT A DAY, WHICH WILL
12 ASSIST US IN GETTING MORE LAUNDRY DISTRIBUTED MORE FREQUENTLY
13 TO ALL JAILS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK, LAST TIME, MR. PELLMAN, WE WERE
16 INFORMED THAT YOU AND DR. FIELDING WERE GOING TO DEVELOP A
17 PROTOCOL WHICH WOULD FORCE THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER TO
18 DECLARE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE EMERGENCY. WHAT IS THE --
19 PROTOCOL?

20

21 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** SUPERVISOR, I DON'T REALLY RECALL IT WAS A
22 PROTOCOL. WE WERE GOING TO LOOK AT WHAT THE STEPS WOULD BE
23 NECESSARY FOR GETTING TO THE POINT WHERE INMATES COULD BE
24 FORCED INTO THE SHOWERS IF THEY DIDN'T GO ALONG WITH THE
25 DISINCENTIVE PROGRAM OF REMOVING THEIR ACCESS TO PHONES AND SO



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1 FORTH. AND WHAT WE'VE DISCOVERED IS THAT THE PROCESS WOULD BE
2 FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER TO MAKE A DETERMINATION -- AND
3 MAKE AN ORDER THAT WOULD THEN BE APPLICABLE TO THE JAIL
4 FACILITIES AND THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE JAIL FACILITIES
5 WOULD THEN HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THAT ORDER IN EITHER EXPLICIT -
6 - IF THEY -- OR EXPLICITLY SAID THE SHOWER OR IF IT REQUIRED
7 AN INTERPRETATION, AN APPLICATION TO BE A SHOWER, WE WOULD
8 ADVISE THAT THERE WOULD BE COURT ORDERS SOUGHT BEFORE THE
9 DEPUTIES WOULD BE FORCED PHYSICALLY IN THE SHOWERS TO MINIMIZE
10 THE COUNTY'S LIABILITY.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. THAT'S VERY HELPFUL. AND THEN THEY
13 TALKED ABOUT, LAST TIME, USING PULPA AND ALADS PUBLICATIONS TO
14 PUT IN INFORMATION ON THIS.

15

16 **CHUCK JACKSON:** UNFORTUNATELY, I WAS GONE TO D.C. LAST WEEK AND
17 I HAVEN'T HAD ANY CONVERSATION WITH ALADS AND PULPA. IT'S MY
18 INTENT TO OFFER THEM THE M.R.S.A. TRAINING BULLETINS FOR OUR
19 STAFF AND REQUEST THAT THEY PUBLISH IT IN THEIR NEWSLETTERS.
20 THAT WOULD INCLUDE LOCAL 660 ALSO, AS WE HAVE A LARGE CIVILIAN
21 STAFF.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY'RE WRITING ME A REPORT FOR NEXT WEEK?

3

4 **CHUCK JACKSON:** YES, MA'AM.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE OTHER QUESTIONS, WHEN WOULD YOU
7 LIKE THIS TO GO BACK -- COME BACK ON FOR TWO OR THREE WEEKS,
8 TWO WEEKS?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, THAT'S -- **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NEXT WEEK?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE THE WRITTEN REPORT TO ME.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THE REPORT WILL BE --

15

16 **CHUCK JACKSON:** YES MA'AM.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, FOR NEXT WEEK. WE HAVE ANOTHER
19 REPORT. ITEM NUMBER 98. TRAFFIC SCHOOL C.D.C., IS CARLOS
20 JACKSON HERE, AND EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR
21 COURT. ALL RIGHT.

22

23 **CARLOS JACKSON, EXEC. DIR. COMM. DEV. COMM:** MADAM CHAIR AND
24 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AS REQUESTED, THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS
25 GOT TOGETHER WITH THE COURTS ON LOOKING AT -- ON THE ISSUE OF



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1 DETECTING FRAUD AMONG PROVIDERS OF THE TRAFFIC SCHOOLS. THERE
2 WAS A REPORT ISSUED UNDER THE SIGNATURE OF JOHN CLARK FROM THE
3 COURT ADMINISTRATION ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING. ONE OF
4 THE REQUESTS THAT THEY'RE ASKING THAT A MULTI-DEPARTMENT
5 TASKFORCE BE ESTABLISHED TO LOOK AT VARIOUS DIMENSIONS OF THIS
6 ISSUE. THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE COURTS,
7 MY AGENCY AGENCY, AND THERE'S SEVERAL OTHER DEPARTMENTS, THE
8 C.A.O. AND COUNTY COUNSEL, TO LOOK INTO THIS MATTER ABOUT
9 WHAT, UNDER THE EXISTING LAW, WHAT MATTERS COULD BE LOOKED AT
10 AS WELL IF THERE WAS A NEED TO FACILITATE NEW LEGISLATION TO
11 ALLOW THE COURTS AND WHOEVER DOES THE INVESTIGATION ON HOW TO
12 PROCEED ON THIS MATTER. AS WELL, TO LOOK AT THE FEES --
13 RAISING THE FEES RIGHT NOW THAT SOMEONE PAYS AT THE PRESENT
14 TIME, THE PERSON WHO CHOOSES TO GO INTO A TRAFFIC SCHOOL PAYS
15 A FIVE-DOLLAR FEE. THEY'RE LOOKING AT MATTERS TO INCREASE THAT
16 AMOUNT, BECAUSE \$5 AT THE PRESENT TIME IS INSUFFICIENT TO
17 COVER WHAT IS PERCEIVED. AND THEN THIRDLY, TO LOOK AT SOME
18 OTHER MODELS THAT ARE BEING OFFERED BY OTHER COURT SYSTEMS.
19 ONE IN PARTICULAR IS ORANGE COUNTY, WHERE THE COURT WOULD TAKE
20 MORE OF A OWNERSHIP IN TERMS OF THE CLASSES THAT ARE BEING
21 OFFERED. THEY'RE ASKING, YOU KNOW, THE BOARD TO APPOINT THIS
22 TASKFORCE, THEN REPORT BACK.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE QUESTIONS?

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, COULD THE REPORT BACK BE DONE IN 60
2 DAYS?

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4 **CARLOS JACKSON:** I BELIEVE THE INITIAL REQUEST FROM THE COURT
5 WAS 90 DAYS, BUT I'LL CHECK WITH THEM TO SEE IF -- WE CAN PULL
6 IT TOGETHER IN 60 DAYS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. THAT'D BE THE MOTION MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEN WE ASK THAT THIS BE CONTINUED FOR 60
11 DAYS FOR THE REPORT BACK.

12

13 **CARLOS JACKSON:** RIGHT.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE PROPOSAL. ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT
16 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON NUMBER 99, REPORT OF HEALTH SERVICES
17 REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS. FROM THE HEALTH -- DR. GARTHWAITE.

18

19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE HAVE TWO
20 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOU THIS MORNING: ONE RELATED TO
21 RESTRICTING OUR DELIVERY OF NON-EMERGENT CARE TO THOSE FOR
22 NONPAYING PATIENTS TO THOSE WHO ARE RESIDENT IN LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY. AND THE SECOND IS TO INSTITUTE A POLICY TO IMPROVE OUR
24 ABILITY TO ASSESS OUR CAPACITY, BOTH IN-PATIENT AND IN THE
25 EMERGENCY ROOM BEFORE WE TAKE TRANSFERS Laterally FROM THE



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1 PRIVATE SECTOR, IN-PATIENT TO IN-PATIENT. WE'LL THEN FOLLOW UP
2 THAT POLICY WITH A BROADER POLICY TO LOOK AT THE ACCEPTANCE OF
3 PATIENTS FROM OTHER E.R.'S AND TO OUR E.R. BASED ON CAPACITY.
4 ULTIMATELY, THAT DECISION AND POLICY WILL BE DEPENDENT ON MORE
5 LEGAL ANALYSIS AND WILL REQUIRE ASSESSMENT OF CAPACITY OF BOTH
6 HOSPITALS, SO IT WILL TAKE A LITTLE LONGER AND WE ANTICIPATE
7 THAT POLICY WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL EARLY AUGUST, AT THE
8 QUICKEST, SO.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ONE IS THAT?

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** FOR EMERGENCY ROOM TO EMERGENCY ROOM.
13 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THE OTHER POLICIES, WHEN WOULD THEY BE
18 EFFECTIVE? ON THE L.A. COUNTY ONLY, FOR EXAMPLE?

19

20 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. FOR THE L.A. COUNTY ONLY, WE
21 BELIEVE THERE'S SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WE HAVE TO MAKE IN OUR
22 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES, AND WE'VE OUTLINED THAT IN THE MEMO
23 TO YOU. WE SEE THAT TAKING EFFECT IN EARLY OCTOBER IN THE
24 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTERS, HIGH DESERT, MAC, AND
25 PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERS. OUR IN-PATIENT SERVICES AND OUT-



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1 PATIENT CLINICS, PROBABLY BY DECEMBER, AND OUR EMERGENCY ROOM
2 FOLLOW-UP TREATMENTS IN EARLY MARCH OF '04. IF THINGS GO
3 SMOOTHLY, IT MIGHT BE FASTER, BUT A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF
4 POLICY DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, COMPUTER SUPPORT AND THINGS THAT
5 ARE NECESSARY TO DO THIS ON A MASS BASIS.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK A --

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** -- RELATIVE TO THE NON-EMERGENCY CARE, AT THE
12 TIME THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS ADDRESSES AND IDENTIFICATION
13 VERIFICATION, THEN INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SHOW PROOF
14 OF RESIDENCY? THAT'S THE PROTOCOL?

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SHOW PROOF OF
17 RESIDENCY IN L.A. COUNTY, YES.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOUR REFERENCE IN YOUR 11/15TH '02 MEMO
20 REGARDING PATIENT ELIGIBILITY, THE COURTS HAVE STATED THAT
21 SECTION 17,000 DOES NOT REQUIRE THE TREATMENT OF A PATIENT
22 SEEKING NON-EMERGENCY CARE WHO IS NOT A LEGAL RESIDENT OF THE
23 COUNTY. WHY DOES THE DEPARTMENT NOT LIMIT NON-EMERGENCY
24 MEDICAL CARE TO NON-LEGAL RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY?

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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SUPERVISOR, WE BELIEVE THAT THESE
2 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT LEGAL RESIDENTS WILL SHOW UP IN OUR
3 EMERGENCY ROOMS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF
4 THOSE EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS ARE AVOIDABLE BY BETTER ACCESS TO
5 CARE PRIOR TO COMING IN ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS. IT'S ALSO MORE
6 HUMANE AND BETTER HEALTHCARE TO DO IT THAT WAY. AND SO AT THE
7 PRESENT TIME, WE'VE CONTINUED WITH THE, YOU KNOW, WITH THE
8 GOAL OF PROVIDING THE KIND OF HEALTHCARE THAT MIGHT PREVENT
9 EMERGENCY ROOM CARE. WE ARE MANDATED BY FEDERAL UMTOLLER
10 REGULATIONS TO SEE ANYONE WHO SHOWS UP IN OUR EMERGENCY ROOM
11 AND TO RENDER THEM CARE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO YOU ENSURE THAT OUT OF COUNTY, OUT OF
14 COUNTRY, WILL NO LONGER BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE COUNTY'S REDUCED
15 COSTS HEALTHCARE PLAN OPTION?

16

17 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE WILL -- WE'RE CURRENTLY EXPLORING
18 THE WAYS THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY A INDIVIDUAL'S SITE
19 OF RESIDENCE. THERE ARE SOME OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND
20 CERTAINLY SOME OTHER HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY
21 THAT HAVE TAKEN THIS ON. SOME USE RENT RECEIPTS, OTHERS USE
22 UTILITY BILLS, OTHERS USE MAIL THAT HAS BEEN DELIVERED AND
23 POST MARKED BY THE POST OFFICE AS PROOF OF RESIDENCY. WE HAVE
24 NOT FINALIZED OUR POLICY ON THAT, BUT WOULD LIKE TO GET BACK



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1 TO YOU AS WE EXPLORE ALL THOSE POSSIBILITIES AND THEIR
2 RAMIFICATIONS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN DO YOU PLAN ON DOING THAT?

5

6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THAT'S PART OF THE TIME THAT WE NEED
7 BETWEEN NOW AND OCTOBER 1ST IMPLEMENTATION.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES A LETTER ADDRESSED TO "OCCUPANT"
10 QUALIFY?

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I WOULDN'T THINK SO.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL I MEAN -- THEN IT WILL NOT QUALIFY.

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DOESN'T THE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY HAVE A
19 SINGLE SET OF PROCEDURES ACROSS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
20 SERVICES TO GOVERN ACCEPTANCE AND REQUEST OF PATIENT TRANSFERS
21 AMONG FACILITIES?

22

23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, I THINK WE DO HAVE A DEPARTMENT-
24 WIDE POLICY AND MOST OF THOSE FUNNEL THROUGH A SINGLE PLACE
25 CALLED THE MAC, WHICH IS RUN BY OUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



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1 DEPARTMENT, SO THE TRANSFERS BETWEEN FACILITIES I THINK
2 LARGELY GO THROUGH THE MAC AND LARGELY ARE DONE IN A
3 RELATIVELY UNIFORM WAY, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT THE CAPACITY
4 MEASUREMENT FOR OUR HOSPITALS HAS NOT BEEN SENSITIVE ENOUGH TO
5 THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN OUR EMERGENCY ROOM, DOESN'T PROJECT
6 THE KIND OF EXPECTED BUSINESS WE'RE GOING TO SEE IN OUR
7 EMERGENCY ROOMS, AND WE'VE NOTED THAT THE EMERGENCY ROOMS ARE
8 CONSTANTLY BACKING UP AND WE NEED TO DECREASE THAT PRESSURE IN
9 EMERGENCY ROOMS TO CREATE A SAFER ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PATIENTS
10 THERE AND TO BE ABLE TO GET THE PATIENTS IN OUR EMERGENCY
11 ROOMS INTO THE HOSPITAL WHEN THEY NEED IT MORE READILY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEN HOW ARE THE TRANSFER ACCEPTANCE GOING
14 TO BE HANDLED DIFFERENTLY AMONG EACH OF THE COUNTY HOSPITALS?

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THEY WON'T BE HANDLED DIFFERENTLY. WE
17 PLAN TO HAVE A SINGLE SYSTEM POLICY AND IMPLEMENT IT
18 UNIFORMLY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL THE COUNTY'S MEDICAL ALERT CENTER PLAY A
21 ROLE TO ENSURE THAT TRANSFERS ARE IMPLEMENTED EFFICIENTLY?

22

23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** NOT ONLY PLAY A ROLE, BUT I THINK AN
24 IMPROVED ROLE, BECAUSE WE FEEL THAT AS WE MOVE TO EXTEND THIS
25 POLICY TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM TRANSFERS, BECAUSE OF THE LAWS



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1 GOVERNING THOSE TRANSFERS, THAT WE'LL NEED EVEN MORE TRAINING
2 OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ANSWER THE PHONES THERE AND BETTER
3 COORDINATION AT THE MEDICAL CENTERS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT ARE SOME OF THE OBSTACLES YOU WILL
6 FACE WITH THE PATIENT TRANSFERS TO D.H.S. EMERGENCY ROOMS?

7

8 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK THE, YOU KNOW, THE BIGGEST --
9 WHEN WE GET TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM PART, THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE
10 WILL BE UNDERSTANDING THE CAPACITY OF THE REFERRING HOSPITAL,
11 THE CAPACITY OF OUR HOSPITAL, AND THE CAPACITY OF OTHER
12 EMERGENCY ROOMS WHERE THE PATIENT MIGHT BE TRANSFERRED FOR
13 APPROPRIATE CARE. AND ALL THAT IS DEPENDENT ON THE ACCURACY OF
14 ASSESSMENT AT BOTH OUR END AND THE REFERRING END, AND SO IT'S
15 GOING TO BE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE SPELLED OUT VERY
16 CLEARLY WHEN WE'RE AT CAPACITY AND THAT THE INDIVIDUALS
17 REFERRING TO US GIVE US ACCURATELY DATA THAT THEY'RE AT
18 CAPACITY AND CAN'T TREAT THE PATIENTS THERE THEMSELVES.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE OTHER -- OTHER QUESTIONS? WHAT IS
23 THE ACTION WE SHOULD TAKE ON THIS? IS THIS SIMPLY A REPORT, OR
24 DO WE --

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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE ACTION THAT WE'RE ASKING THAT THE BOARD
2 ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT AND
3 INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR TO IMPLEMENT THEM, SO WE DO NEED AN
4 ACTION.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SO IS THERE -- IT'S A -- IS
7 THERE A MOTION TO THAT EFFECT?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO MOVED.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
12 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OH, I'M SORRY. KATHLEEN
13 OCHOA, I'M SORRY. NOT SO ORDERED. MOVE TO RECONSIDER. I HAD IT
14 RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. MOTION BY
15 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA TO RECONSIDER. WITHOUT
16 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. STATE YOUR NAME.

17

18 **KATHY OCHOA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KATHY
19 OCHOA. I'M HERE REPRESENTING S.E.I.U. LOCAL 660, AND I'M SURE
20 THAT YOU'VE HAD AT LEAST TWICE AS MUCH TIME AS I HAVE TO
21 REVIEW THIS BOARD LETTER, MEANING YOU'VE PROBABLY HAD FOUR
22 HOURS TO LOOK AT IT. I'VE LOOKED AT IT -- I'VE HAD IT FOR TWO.
23 AND I THINK THERE ARE SOME SPECIFIC SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC,
24 SOCIAL, LEGAL, AND HEALTHCARE ISSUES THAT ARE CONTAINED IN
25 THIS BOARD LETTER, AND I WOULD ASK THIS BOARD TO REJECT THESE



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1 POLICIES UNTIL THE IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES HAVE BEEN MORE
2 THOROUGHLY FLESHED OUT. I READ THIS, AND IT'S NOT EVEN A HALF
3 BAKED IDEA, BUT, RATHER, A HODGEPODGE OF INGREDIENTS FOR WHO
4 KNOWS WHAT RECIPE. SUPERVISORS, TO BEGIN WITH, THIS
5 RECOMMENDATION TO LIMIT THE NON-EMERGENCY CARE TO L.A. COUNTY-
6 ONLY RESIDENTS COMES FROM THE MEDICAL BENEFITS COVERAGE GROUP
7 WHICH WAS TO HAVE INCLUDED LABOR AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS
8 PURSUANT TO, I BELIEVE IT WAS A KNABE MOTION LAST AUGUST, AND
9 WE'VE NOT BEEN -- ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SOME INITIAL DISCUSSIONS
10 AT THE PLANNING ADVISORY GROUP AROUND THIS, WE'VE NOT BEEN --
11 WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THIS WORK WAS CONTINUING, AND SO I THINK
12 THAT THERE WAS A VIOLATION OF EARLIER BOARD POLICY TO INCLUDE
13 THE UNION AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN THIS DISCUSSION BEFORE ANY
14 RECOMMENDATIONS COME TO THIS BOARD, AND IT WAS PRECISELY FOR -
15 - BECAUSE WE WERE CONCERNED THAT THEY'D COME BACK WITH
16 SOMETHING LIKE THIS, THAT WE -- IT HAS TO BE CONCLUDED --
17 INCLUDED EARLY ON. SUPERVISORS, AGAIN, I ASK YOU TO REJECT
18 THIS BOARD LETTER UNTIL IT IS MORE CLEAR ON THE RECOMMENDATION
19 THAT YOUR BOARD IS ASKED TO ADOPT -- IT'S VERY AMBIGUOUS.
20 USUALLY ON THE SECTION OF THE LETTER, AND I DON'T WANT TO BE
21 PETTY, BUT MOST PEOPLE GO TO "IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR
22 BOARD," A, B, C, AND D. THE FIRST PARAGRAPH SAYS, "ACCEPT THE
23 RECOMMENDATIONS." THE SECOND PARAGRAPH SAYS, "IT IS
24 RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS." I
25 THINK WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT AND MAYBE THE DEPARTMENT JUST



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1 NEEDS MORE TIME TO DEVELOP A BOARD LETTER SO THAT YOU KNOW
2 EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE VOTING ON AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THOSE
3 ACTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, IT TALKS ABOUT PROGRAM REFORM, BUT
4 DOESN'T SET FORTH WHICH PROGRAM REFORM GOALS WE ARE ACHIEVING.
5 IN FACT, IT SEEMS LIKE PROGRAMMATIC REGRESSION FROM POLICIES
6 THAT THIS BOARD HAS ADOPTED IN THE PAST AND IN FACT THAT
7 POLICIES THAT COURTS HAVE UPHELD IN THE PAST. THERE'S BEEN NO
8 MEET AND CONFER WITH THE UNION OR ANY DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS
9 APPROACH OR THESE CHANGES, ALTHOUGH IT DOES IDENTIFY
10 SIGNIFICANT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, STAFFING ISSUES, SCREENING
11 ISSUES, ET CETERA, THAT OUR MEMBERS WOULD HAVE TO UNDERTAKE. I
12 THINK THAT THAT'S AT LEAST ONE LOOP THAT NEEDS TO BE COVERED
13 BEFORE THIS BOARD TAKES AN ACTION, AND IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN
14 DONE BEFORE THIS LETTER EVEN CAME THIS FAR. THE SCOPE OF IT IS
15 NOT CLEAR. NON-EMERGENT CARE. DOES THAT MEAN THAT -- DOES THAT
16 INCLUDE IMMUNIZATIONS? DOES THAT INCLUDE PREVENTIVE CARE? WHAT
17 SCOPE OF SERVICES ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? IT SAYS, EXCLUDING
18 PEOPLE WITH, AND I JUST READ THIS RIGHT NOW, OKAY? EXCLUDING
19 PEOPLE WHO HAVE THIRD PARTY COVERAGE. I HAVE THIRD PARTY
20 COVERAGE, MY DAUGHTER CAME HOME WITH A FLYER THAT WAS
21 DISTRIBUTED AT HER SCHOOL SAYING, IF YOU'RE A HIGH SCHOOL
22 SENIOR, 'GO TO YOUR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC AND GET A
23 HEPATITIS B INOCULATION OR YOU WILL NOT BE ADMITTED INTO
24 COLLEGE." AND SHE'S IN THIS GENERATION OF THIS COHORT OF
25 STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE IN 2003 WHERE IT WASN'T A MANDATORY



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1 REQUIREMENT, BUT IN THE INTERIM IT'S BEEN -- SO THAT'S NOT
2 ANSWERED. WHAT SERVICES ARE WE TALKING ABOUT HERE? IT SAYS
3 IT'S GOING TO RESOLVE LEGAL ISSUES BEFORE THE LEGAL ISSUES ARE
4 GOING TO RESOLVE OR ARE EVEN IDENTIFIED IN THIS BOARD LETTER.
5 IT'S LEFT UNCLEAR, FOR EXAMPLE, ON PAGE 3, WHAT EXACTLY IS
6 BEING ASKED FOR. ARE YOU IMPLEMENTING THE -- DOES
7 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS POLICY ALSO RESULT IN CORRESPONDING
8 CUTS IN SERVICES? I MEAN, I THINK THOSE QUESTIONS ABOUT FISCAL
9 IMPACT HAVE NOT BEEN THOROUGHLY EVALUATED. SUPERVISORS, I
10 THINK IT LEAVES OPEN TO QUESTION VULNERABLE POPULATIONS SUCH
11 AS THE HOMELESS, RUN-AWAYS. I MEAN, HOW ARE WE GOING TO DEAL
12 WITH THAT TYPE OF ISSUE? RENT RECEIPTS. SUPERVISORS, IF YOU'LL
13 RECALL IN THIS WEEKEND'S L.A. TIMES WITH THE L.A. HOUSING
14 CRISIS, THERE ARE NOW 10 PEOPLE AVERAGE LIVING IN A TWO
15 BEDROOM APARTMENT. PROBABLY ONLY ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE IS GOING
16 TO HOLD THE RENT RECEIPT. I THINK WE NEED AGAIN TO THINK
17 THROUGH THESE THINGS BEFORE THE BOARD EMBARKS ON THIS PATH.
18 THERE'S A POTENTIAL REDUCTION IN WAITS -- A REDUCTION IN
19 WAITS, JUST LIKE, YOU KNOW, THAT'S AS AMBIGUOUS AS ALL THE
20 OTHER POINTS THAT ARE CONTAINED IN THIS LETTER. BOARD, I WOULD
21 LIKE -- THERE'S NO COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS AS IT PERTAINS TO
22 ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, LEGAL, OR HEALTHCARE IMPACTS, AND I THINK
23 MINIMALLY, YOU SHOULD HAVE THAT BEFORE YOU'RE ASKED TO ADOPT
24 AS SIGNIFICANT A POLICY AS SET FORTH IN THIS DOCUMENT.
25 ADDITIONALLY, BOARD MEMBERS, I THINK ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE THAT



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1 MIGHT BE EXAMINED ONCE YOU SEND THE DEPARTMENT BACK TO WORK ON
2 THIS A LITTLE BIT MORE, IS PERHAPS FOR AN ANALYSIS TO BE DONE
3 ABOUT HOW THE COUNTY CAN RECOUP ITS COSTS FROM OTHER COUNTIES
4 FOR THE CARE THAT IS PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS FROM OTHER
5 COUNTIES. IT JUST SEEMS MUCH MORE REASONABLE THAT, RATHER THAN
6 HAVING 20,000 HEALTHCARE WORKERS QUESTION TWO MILLION
7 POTENTIAL PATIENTS ABOUT THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR CARE, THAT WE
8 HAVE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK WITH THEIR
9 COLLEAGUES IN THE FIVE ADJOINING COUNTIES AND SETTLE THIS
10 ISSUE, MUCH AS WE DO FOR FIRES AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS AND
11 BIO-TERRORISTS AND HOMELAND SECURITY THREATS. SO MINIMALLY,
12 I'M ASKING YOU TO REJECT THIS PROPOSAL UNTIL IT IS
13 RECONFIGURED AND REPRESENTED BACK TO THIS BOARD AND DISCUSSED
14 WITH THE UNION AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AS NEEDED.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IS THERE A MOTION? OR
17 QUESTIONS? IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY -
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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE, MADAM CHAIR, I -- AT LEAST TO HAVE
21 MR. GARTHWAITE JUST RESPOND TO, IF HE CAN TO --

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23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I CAN'T RESPOND I THINK TO ALL THE --
24 OF THE POINTS KATHY MADE, BUT I THINK THAT WE ANTICIPATE THERE
25 ARE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DEFINED.



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1 THAT'S IN THE TRANSFER -- NOT TRANSFER POLICY, BUT THE NON-
2 COUNTY RESIDENT POLICY, AND I THINK THAT'S WHY WE LEFT THAT
3 GAP OF TIME BEFORE OCTOBER 1ST TO GET THAT IMPLEMENTED, POLICY
4 DEVELOPMENT --

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6 **KATHY OCHOA:** THREE MONTHS.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HEY THIS IS NOT A DISCUSSION, OKAY, I'M
9 ASKING HIM.

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11 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK THE PRINCIPLE, THOUGH, IS VERY
12 CLEAR. THIS WOULD NOT IN OUR MINDS APPLY TO PUBLIC HEALTH
13 BECAUSE ULTIMATELY THE THINGS WE DO IN PUBLIC HEALTH ARE A
14 BROAD CONSEQUENCE BY SIMPLY BEING IN THE COUNTY AND WOULDN'T
15 BE TARGETED IN OUR PUBLIC HEALTH EFFORT. THE OPPORTUNITY TO
16 WORK WITH OTHER COUNTIES TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO HAVE THEM PAY
17 FOR THEIR RESIDENTS GETTING SERVICE IN SOME OF OUR FACILITIES
18 COULD BE AS OPEN --

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S A WILD GOOSE CHASE.

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22 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH, RIGHT, RIGHT, YEAH.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DON'T EVEN BOTHER WITH THAT, IT'S A WILD
25 GOOSE CHASE. ALL RIGHT, LOOK. THE BOTTOM LINE IS, I'M GOING TO



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1 MOVE IT AGAIN, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK MS. OCHOA, AS WELL AS
2 EVERYBODY ELSE, IS WELL AWARE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING TO US, AND
3 THERE ARE A LOT OF -- THERE'S A LOT OF WATER TO GET PASSED
4 UNDER THE BRIDGE. WE'VE GOT AN APPEAL GOING ON THE LAWSUITS.
5 THERE IS -- BUT I THINK THE ONLY PRUDENT THING WE CAN DO AT
6 THIS STAGE IS TO TRY TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR A DIFFERENT
7 PARADIGM FOR THE WAY WE PROVIDE HEALTHCARE, AND WE CAN'T BE
8 PARALYZED INTO DOING NOTHING BECAUSE NOT EVERY SINGLE DETAIL
9 THAT SOMEBODY HAS THOUGHT UP OR HAS NOT THOUGHT UP HASN'T BEEN
10 FULLY ADDRESSED. IT'LL BE -- IT'LL HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED, BUT,
11 I MEAN, THIS BOARD IS WELL AWARE, AND I THINK LOCAL 660 IS
12 WELL AWARE OF THE PRESSURES WE'RE UNDER AND THIS IS NOT A
13 SHORT-TERM ISSUE. IN FACT, I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH MONEY THIS IS
14 GOING TO SAVE US IN THE SHORT-TERM, BUT IN THE LONG-TERM, I
15 THINK IT -- I KNOW IT SETS US ON A COURSE THAT IS LONG
16 OVERDUE. WE ARE, AS I THINK MR. SANTANA OF MS. MOLINA'S OFFICE
17 WAS QUOTED IN A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, THE DUMPING GROUND, THERE
18 IS NO QUESTION ABOUT IT. JUST ABOUT EVERY COUNTY IN SOUTHERN
19 CALIFORNIA KNOWS WHERE TO SEND THEIR INDIGENT PATIENTS WHEN
20 THEY DON'T WANT TO TAKE THE FINANCIAL AND MORAL RESPONSIBILITY
21 FOR DEALING WITH THEM. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE A MORAL
22 RESPONSIBILITY TO DEAL WITH THE INDIGENT FROM SAN LOUIS OBISPO
23 COUNTY OR, YOU KNOW, ON A NON-EMERGENCY BASIS OR FROM VENTURA,
24 OR FROM SAN BERNARDINO, OR FROM ORANGE, OR FROM SAN DIEGO, OR
25 FROM KERN OR FROM WHEREVER THEY COME. WE HAVE ENOUGH OF A



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1 DEMAND GENERATED BY THIS COUNTY ALONE TO KEEP US BUSY FOR MANY
2 LIFE TIMES, AND THAT'S OUR PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY. OUR JOB
3 ISN'T TO GO OUT AND SEND A COLLECTION AGENCY OFF TO ORANGE
4 COUNTY. ORANGE COUNTY'S JOB IS TO PROVIDE FOR ORANGE COUNTY
5 RESIDENTS. AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF OUR NOT BEGINNING TO CHANGE
6 THE PARADIGM OF THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS IS SELF EVIDENT. WE ARE
7 GOING BROKE, WE -- OUR SYSTEM IS NOT FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE,
8 AND WE'VE GOT A JUDGE WHO HAS DECIDED TO MAKE HERSELF FEDERAL
9 JUDGE AND HEALTH DIRECTOR FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND
10 THE IMPLICATIONS OF THAT IF THAT DECISION SHOULD HOLD ARE
11 OMINOUS, NOT JUST FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUT FOR MANY OTHERS.
12 AND TO RESPOND TO IT IN THE SAME OLD WAY WOULD BE -- IT WOULD
13 BE INEXPLICABLE. SO WE'VE ASKED YOU FOR SOME PROPOSALS. I
14 THINK YOU'VE BEEN RESPONSIBLY RESPONSIVE. YOU HAVEN'T GONE AS
15 FAR AND AS FAST AS I'D LIKE YOU TO GO, FRANKLY, AS YOU KNOW.
16 BUT I CAN'T SAY THAT YOU'VE BEEN IRRESPONSIBLE IN YOUR
17 RECOMMENDATIONS. I THINK YOU'RE THINKING THIS THROUGH AS
18 CAREFULLY AS YOU CAN AND NOT PROMISING MORE THAN YOU CAN
19 DELIVER. WE ALSO EXPECT YOU TO DELIVER WHAT YOU PROMISE. SO
20 I'M GOING TO MOVE APPROVAL.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED. IS THERE A SECOND? IT'S
23 BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. I CERTAINLY WOULD ASSUME THAT THE
24 DEPARTMENT WILL BE WORKING WITH THE UNION AS WE MOVE FORWARD.



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1 WE HOPE WE HAVE YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS. WE HAVE TO DO IT. WE
2 DON'T HAVE A LOT OF CHOICES, AND SO ORDERED.

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4 **KATHY OCHOA:** SUPERVISORS, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY, I'M NOT
5 SURPRISED BY YOUR ACTION TODAY, THIS DOESN'T RESULT IN ANY
6 COST SAVINGS. THE RESPONSIBILITY HE HAS TO MEET WITH THE UNION
7 ON THESE ISSUES COUNTS FOR SOMETHING, SUPERVISOR. WE'RE NOT
8 AGAINST HAVING A DIFFERENT PARADIGM FOR HEALTH CARE. WE ARE
9 FOR BEING PART OF THE DISCUSSION.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE A
12 MOTION THAT IS SOMETHING THAT HAS COME UP IN THE LAST -- SINCE
13 THE AGENDA WAS PUT TOGETHER. AND THAT'S FOR A REWARD. WE'VE
14 ALL HEARD ABOUT THE 3-YEAR-OLD, DENZEL MARQUIS MARTIN SANDERS.
15 AND IT CERTAINLY HAS HIT OUR OFFICE VERY HARD BECAUSE RENITA,
16 IT WAS HER COUSIN, WE KNOW THAT THEY HAVE APPREHENDED A COUPLE
17 OF PEOPLE THEY BELIEVE ARE SERIOUS SUSPECTS, ONE OF WHOM IS 13
18 YEARS OLD. SO I'M ASKING THAT WE TAKE UP THIS REWARD AS AN
19 EMERGENCY, AND IF YOU SECOND THAT WITHOUT OBJECTION, AND THIS
20 MOTION WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH A REWARD OF \$5,000 FOR
21 INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE
22 PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF DENZEL MARQUIS MARTIN
23 SANDERS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. DO YOU THINK -- YOU
24 THINK THAT WE SHOULD DO 10, UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THEN THE MOTION WOULD BE FOR
4 \$10,000. I KNOW THAT THEY SAW THE CAR AND THAT THEY HAVE
5 APPREHENDED TWO PEOPLE BUT THERE WERE OTHERS WHO JUST GOT OUT
6 OF THE CAR AND THEY WERE PEOPLE THAT THEY DIDN'T IDENTIFY. NO
7 ONE KNEW THEM AND THE PEOPLE ON THE STREET WERE NOT AWARE OF
8 THEM. SO THERE'S NO EXPLANATION, NO MOTIVE THAT'S BEEN
9 ESTABLISHED YET. SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR KNABE -- I'M SORRY,
10 YAROSLAVSKY, YOUR SPECIALS.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I ASK WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF JIM
13 -- JAMES HENDERSON. JIM WAS A -- HE PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK, A
14 LITTLE OVER A WEEK AGO, WAS A FOUNDING -- ONE OF THE FOUNDING
15 LEADERS IN THE MOVEMENT TO CREATE A CITY IN WESTLAKE VILLAGE
16 AND WAS ELECTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF WESTLAKE VILLAGE
17 SEVERAL YEARS AGO, ABOUT SEVEN -- SIX YEARS AGO AT THE YOUNG
18 AGE OF 80 AND THEN SERVED A TERM AND WAS NOT DOING VERY WELL
19 PHYSICALLY AND FINALLY SUCCUMBED AT THE AGE OF 88, ABOUT TEN
20 DAYS AGO. OKAY. JIM WAS A -- JUST A CLASS ACT. HE DID A LOT OF
21 WORK, NOT JUST FOR WESTLAKE VILLAGE. HE CARED A LOT ABOUT THE
22 HEALTH CARE ISSUE AS IT AFFECTED THE CANAJEO VALLEY AND THAT
23 AREA, BUT BEYOND THAT HE WORKED WITH US ON CONTRACT CITY
24 ISSUES AND A MAN OF GREAT PERSONAL INTEGRITY. AND ONE OF THE
25 FEW PEOPLE THAT YOU GET TO KNOW OVER A PERIOD OF TIME THAT YOU



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1 KIND OF REALIZE WAS WORTH LISTENING TO WHAT HE HAD TO SAY
2 BECAUSE HE HAD A GREAT MIND. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
3 LUCILLE. HIS DAUGHTER AND A NUMBER OF GRANDCHILDREN AND HE'LL
4 BE SORELY MISSED.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. DO YOU HAVE OTHER ITEMS?

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAD -- I THINK I WAS HOLDING AN ITEM ON
9 THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER'S

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NUMBER 12.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CONNY IS HERE. I GUESS TODAY IS ELECTION
14 DAY.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 83.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** -- IN A NUMBER OF PLACES. AND THAT'S GOOD
19 NEWS. THE BETTER NEWS IS THAT YOU CAN SAY CHOW TO CHADS, I
20 GUESS IS THE BEST WAY TO -- THIS IS THE LAST TIME WE'RE GOING
21 TO BE USING THIS SYSTEM, IS THAT RIGHT? AND PERHAPS, CONNY,
22 YOU WOULD LIKE TO JUST GIVE US A STATUS REPORT ON WHERE WE'VE
23 BEEN AND WHERE WE'RE GOING.

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1 **CONNY MCCORMACK, REGISTRAR-RECORDER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR,
2 HONORABLE CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I APPRECIATE I HAVE NO
3 MORE THAN THREE MINUTES OF PREPARED REMARKS BUT I DO THINK
4 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE PERIODIC BRIEFINGS ON THE STATUS
5 OF THE VOTING SYSTEM TRANSITION CHANGE THAT THE COUNTY WILL BE
6 -- IS IN THE PROCESS OF GOING INTO. BOTH FOR YOUR EDIFICATION
7 AND FOR THE PUBLIC THAT IS LISTENING, BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE
8 DON'T KNOW THAT THE -- DUE TO THE ORDERS OF THE SECRETARY OF
9 STATE AND THE FEDERAL COURT LAST YEAR, CALIFORNIA HAS BANNED
10 FURTHER USE OF PUNCH-CARD VOTING AFTER THIS YEAR. I LAST
11 ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THIS TOPIC ON AUGUST 20TH LAST YEAR
12 WHEN THE DECISION WAS MADE TO PHASE IN AN IMPLEMENTATION OF
13 THE NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT. I'D LIKE TO JUST BRIEFLY REVIEW THAT
14 WE'VE BEEN EXPANDING THE ELECTRONIC TOUCH-SCREEN VOTING EVER
15 SINCE NOVEMBER OF 2000, WHEN WE BEGAN USING TOUCH-SCREEN
16 VOTING, THE MODERN METHOD, AT EARLY VOTING IN THE TWO WEEKS
17 PRIOR TO THE MAJOR ELECTIONS. AND THIS YEAR ON MARCH 6TH AND
18 APRIL 15TH WE RAN SIX CITY ELECTIONS AND ONE SCHOOL BOARD
19 ELECTION ON ELECTION DAY TOTALLY USING TOUCH-SCREEN VOTING FOR
20 ALL THE VOTERS. HOWEVER TO FULLY TRANSITION THE TOUCH-SCREEN
21 VOTING COUNTYWIDE IS THE CHALLENGE FACING THE COUNTY, BECAUSE
22 OF THE PRICE TAG ESTIMATE OF \$100 MILLION. TO DATE WHERE WE
23 ARE WITH THAT FUNDING, THE STATE HAS MADE A COMMITMENT OF 49
24 MILLION OUT OF THE PROP 41 FUNDS BUT THAT STILL LEAVES US MORE
25 THAN 50% SHORT, OVER \$50 MILLION. I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW



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1 THAT WE ARE AWAITING SOME FEDERAL FUNDING THROUGH THE HELP
2 AMERICA VOTE ACT THAT PASSED IN OCTOBER. THE TIME LINE WAS
3 LOOKING LIKE WE MIGHT SEE SOME MONEY IN MAY OR JUNE BUT, AS
4 USUAL, THAT HAS BEEN PUSHED BACK A LITTLE BIT, WHICH IS
5 SLOWING DOWN PLANS NOT ONLY FOR US BUT THERE ARE EIGHT OTHER
6 COUNTIES IN THE STATE REPRESENTING 55% OF THE VOTERS WHO ARE
7 TRYING TO TRANSITION THE NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT IN TIME FOR THE
8 MARCH -- WHO HAVE TO, ACTUALLY, TRANSITION TO NEW VOTING
9 EQUIPMENT BEFORE THE MARCH PRIMARY ELECTION AND IT'S SLOWING
10 DOWN SOME OF THEIR PROCUREMENT AND CAUSING SOME PROBLEMS FOR
11 THOSE THAT ARE TRYING TO PUT IN THE FULL TOUCHSCREEN.
12 CONSEQUENTLY SACRAMENTO COUNTY HAS JOINED OUR COUNTY JUST LAST
13 WEEK IN DETERMINING TO DO AN INTERIM TRANSITIONAL VOTING
14 SYSTEM WHICH WAS YOUR BOARD'S DECISION LAST AUGUST. SO WE'RE
15 AHEAD IN THE PLANNING FOR THE TRANSITIONAL VOTING SYSTEM.
16 INDEED WE THOUGHT TODAY, BEING ELECTION DAY, WAS A GOOD TIME
17 TO LET THE PUBLIC KNOW THAT NOT ONLY ARE WE RETIRING CHAD
18 AFTER 35 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE BUT WE'RE ALSO HAVING A
19 MOCK ELECTION TODAY ON THE NEW INTERIM VOTING SYSTEM, THE NEW
20 OPTICAL SCAN SYSTEM THAT WILL BE IN PLACE. TODAY'S BOARD
21 AGENDA ITEM WAS TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE BOARD GAVE US \$4 MILLION
22 BUT PUT IT IN FIXED ASSETS TO PURCHASE THE INTERIM VOTING
23 SYSTEM AND OBVIOUSLY \$4 MILLION IS A BIG DIFFERENCE FROM \$100
24 MILLION AND WE NEED TO MOVE THAT OUT OF FIXED ASSETS INTO
25 SERVICES AND SUPPLIES BECAUSE THE COST OF THE SYSTEM IS IN



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1 MINOR PROCUREMENT THAT'S UNDER \$5,000 SO IT DOESN'T FIT INTO
2 THE FIXED ASSET CATEGORY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE SURE THAT
3 ALL OF YOU KNOW YOU'RE INVITED TO THE PARTY TONIGHT AND TO LET
4 YOU KNOW THAT THE CELEBRATION IS STARTING AT 8:00, WHICH IS
5 AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE IN OUR FOUR ELECTIONS THAT WE'RE HAVING
6 TODAY, THE LAST FOUR PUNCH CARD ELECTIONS IN THE COUNTY ARE
7 BEING HELD TODAY IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS FOR THE INCORPORATION, IN
8 MALIBU, SANTA MONICA, PALACE VERDES AND MANHATTAN BEACH FOR
9 SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS. I WANTED ALSO HAVE -- TAKE THIS
10 OPPORTUNITY TO LET YOU AND THE PUBLIC KNOW WHAT OUR VOTING
11 SYSTEM LOOKS LIKE, AND THIS IT IS. THIS IS THE NEW INCA VOTE
12 VOTING SYSTEM AND I THINK THE KEY THAT'S GOING TO HELP US BE
13 SUCCESSFUL IN THE TRANSITION IS THE SIMILARITY TO WHAT VOTERS
14 HAVE BEEN USED TO FOR 35 YEARS IN OUR COUNTY. THE DEVICE IS
15 REMARKABLY SIMILAR TO THE PUNCH CARD DEVICE. THE BALLOT CARD
16 IS THE SAME SIZE. IT FITS INTO THE DEVICE AND OVER THE RED
17 HOLES EXACTLY THE WAY OUR SYSTEM FOR 35 YEARS HAS DONE. IT HAS
18 PAGES THAT TURN AND LOOKS -- IT'S JUST A LOOK-ALIKE BASICALLY,
19 OF THE CURRENT SYSTEM. HOWEVER, THE DIFFERENCE IS, THERE WILL
20 NOT BE ANY CHAD. INSTEAD, THERE IS A MARKING PEN. THIS HAS ALL
21 BEEN TESTED AND THOROUGHLY APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE
22 FOR USE, AND VOTERS WILL USE THE PEN INSTEAD OF A STYLUS TO
23 USE A PEN INSTEAD OF A PUNCH TO MAKE THEIR VOTING CHOICES. AND
24 THEN OUT COMES THE BALLOT WITH THE INK. AND EVEN IF THE ENTIRE
25 HOLE IS NOT FILLED, EVEN IF JUST A MINUSCULE AMOUNT OF INK



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1 SHOWS UP, THE TESTING IS PROVING THAT IT'S COUNTING VERY
2 ACCURATELY AND RELIABLY. AGAIN, WE'RE HAVING A MOCK ELECTION
3 TODAY IN OUR OFFICE. WE HAVE ABOUT 3,000 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
4 THAT COME INTO OUR OFFICE EVERY DAY TO GET A BIRTH CERTIFICATE
5 OR FILE A PROPERTY DOCUMENT OR GET A MARRIAGE LICENSE OR GET A
6 VOTER REGISTRATION FORM, AND WE'VE ASKED MANY OF THEM, AND
7 THEY ARE VOTING TODAY AS IN A MOCK ELECTION, AND WE'LL BE
8 TABULATING THESE VOTES ON THURSDAY. AGAIN WE'RE USING REAL
9 POLL WORKERS IN THIS ELECTION TODAY, WE HAVE EIGHT POLLING
10 LOCATIONS AND WE'VE ASKED ALL OF OUR STAFF TO PARTICIPATE. THE
11 FIRST REAL ELECTION ON INCA VOTE WILL BE THIS NOVEMBER FOR OUR
12 SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WATER DISTRICT ELECTIONS. THIS WILL GET US
13 PREPARED TO RUN AN ELECTION WITH ABOUT 1,000 PRECINCTS IN
14 PREPARATION FOR NEXT YEAR FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AND
15 GENERAL AND REGULAR PRIMARY GENERAL ELECTION IN WHICH WE'LL
16 HAVE 5,000 PRECINCTS AND UP TO 4 MILLION VOTERS CASTING A
17 BALLOT ON THE NEW SYSTEM. WHEN DO WE HOPE TO GET OFF OF THIS
18 TRANSITIONAL SYSTEM AND MOVE TO FULL TOUCH SCREEN? WELL WE'RE
19 CERTAINLY HOPING TO DO THAT BY 2005. THE GOAL IS TO GET THAT
20 IN PLACE AS SOON AS THE FUNDING HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED TO DO
21 THAT. WE ARE HOPEFUL TO SEE SOME FEDERAL FUNDING AND WE'RE
22 ALSO WORKING WITH THE 88 CITIES IN THE COUNTY BECAUSE THEY'RE
23 IN THE SAME SITUATION THAT WE'RE IN, WE'RE WORKING VERY
24 CLOSELY WITH CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHO IS GOING TO PARTNER WITH
25 US IN THE USE OF AN INCA VOTE AND ALSO INTO THE NEW SYSTEM



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1 WHEN THE COUNTY CAN PURCHASE A TOUCH-SCREEN SYSTEM. ONE LAST
2 COMMENT, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE MENTION OF THE FACT THAT I
3 THINK -- I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE COUNTY FAMILY, THE
4 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF REALIZING THAT
5 CHANGING A VOTING SYSTEM IS A COUNTYWIDE FUNCTION, IT'S NOT
6 JUST A REGISTRAR VOTER'S FUNCTION. I WENT TO OUR C.A.O. IN
7 MARCH AND ASKED THAT HE AND OTHER MAJOR DEPARTMENT HEADS
8 PARTICIPATE ON IT, ON A GUIDING COALITION, STRATEGIC PLANNING
9 TEAM. AND THEY'VE AGREED AND THOSE INCLUDE OUR C.A.O., OUR
10 C.I.O., OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, HEAD OF I.S.D., HEAD OF D.H.R.,
11 D.P.S.S. AND THE L.A. CITY CLERK. SO WE FEEL WE HAVE A VERY
12 STRONG CONSULTING GROUP TO HELP US WITH THIS TRANSITION TO
13 MOVE TO NEW TECHNOLOGY. I'D LIKE TO LEAVE IT OPEN FOR ANY
14 QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH AS YOU PREPARE FOR NOVEMBER, HOW ARE THE
19 BRIEFINGS GOING TO BE TAKING PLACE TO LET THE VARIOUS
20 COMMUNITIES KNOW THAT -- I MEAN I KNOW YOU'LL BE DOING
21 EVERYTHING WITH YOUR PRECINCT WORKERS AND YOUR POLL WORKERS
22 AND ALL THAT, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE VARIOUS ELECTED BODIES, CITY
23 COUNCIL, SCHOOL BOARDS?

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1 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** ALL OF THOSE. WE NEED TO BRING EVERYONE,
2 INCLUDING ALL THE CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES, THE STATE
3 ASSEMBLY, THE STATE SENATE, AND WE'VE ALREADY HAD SOME
4 BEGINNING CONVERSATIONS AND THEY REALLY DO WANT TO HELP US
5 BECAUSE IT AFFECTS ALL OF THEM AS CANDIDATES AND ALL OF THEIR
6 VOTERS. AND SO YES WE HAVE A MAJOR PART OF OUR -- THE MONEY
7 THAT YOU HAVE ALLOCATED TO ASSIST US IN BEING SUCCESSFUL IN
8 THIS TRANSITION IS FOR AN OUTREACH PLAN. AND WE WILL BE
9 PUTTING TOGETHER WITH YOUR BOARD DEPUTIES AN OUTREACH PLAN AND
10 I THINK IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT KEY ELEMENT OF SUCCESS.

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH BECAUSE OUR OFFICES CAN HELP COORDINATE THAT,
13 THE BRINGING -- SAY NOT REDUCE SO MANY, MAYBE BRING GROUPS
14 TOGETHER.

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16 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THAT'S AN EXCELLENT IDEA AND I APPRECIATE IT.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU'VE GOT THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, YOU'VE GOT
19 THE COGS, YOU KNOW, THERE'S GATHERINGS THAT WE CAN HELP --

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21 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** ALL OF THOSE ADVICE THAT YOU CAN HELP US
22 WITH. WE'RE READY NOW, WE JUST --

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO, YOU KNOW, 'CAUSE YOU'RE
25 GOING TO HAVE A TON OF PRESENTATIONS SO.



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2 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WE ARE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MANY AND WE
3 APPRECIATE --

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** SO FEEL FREE TO USE OUR OFFICES.

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7 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THANK YOU, I APPRECIATE THAT, WE WILL.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OTHER QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

10

11 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE OTHER ITEMS SUPERVISOR
14 YAROSLAVSKY? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** YES MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I MOVE
17 TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SHIRLEY MILLER. I JUST GOT WORD
18 SHE PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER GOOD FRIEND
19 WAYNE, HER DAUGHTER AND GRANDCHILDREN. WAYNE IS A PAST
20 PRESIDENT OF OUR CERRITOS OPTIMUS CLUB AND SHE'S BEEN FIGHTING
21 A STRONG BATTLE BUT IT FINALLY TOOK OVER. SO SHE WILL BE
22 MISSED. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH MARIO KABORI.
23 BIG JOE AS HE'S KNOWN, IS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CERRITOS
24 RODDEN GUN CLUB, WHO STARTED THE HUCK FINN DAY FISHING DAY
25 EVENT IN CERRITOS. HE'S BEEN A VERY ACTIVE SUPPORTER AND



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1 VOLUNTEER FOR THE KIDS' FISHING DERBY OUT THERE. THE CHILDREN
2 ALWAYS REMEMBER BIG JOE AS THE PERSON WHO VOLUNTEERED ALL OF
3 HIS TIME DURING THE EVENT TO CUT THE MACKEREL FISH AND PUT
4 THEM IN THESE LITTLE PLASTIC BAGS SO THE KIDS WOULD HAVE SOME
5 REAL FISH BAIT. AND HE DID THAT, AND COOKED AND CLEANED UP AND
6 DID EVERYTHING ELSE. IT'S FOR ALL THOSE REASONS THAT HE WILL
7 BE SORELY MISSED. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DIANA, HIS TWO
8 DAUGHTERS DIANE AND CONNIE, HIS TWO SONS JOHN AND MICHAEL, HIS
9 MOTHER ANGELINE, AND HIS BROTHERS RICHARD, AND HIS TEN
10 GRANDCHILDREN. A GREAT GUY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
11 GLEN NAGEL, A DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCE AND
12 MATHEMATICS AT CAL STATE LONG BEACH. HE PASSED AWAY RECENTLY
13 AFTER LOSING A THREE-YEAR BATTLE WITH CANCER AT HIS HOME IN
14 FULLERTON AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 59. HIS COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS
15 DESCRIBE GLEN AS AN EXCEPTIONAL SCIENTIST, RESEARCHER, AND
16 EDUCATOR, THAT DEMONSTRATED A GREAT LOVE FOR BOTH STUDENTS,
17 THE FACULTY, AND THE SCHOOL. HE WAS ALWAYS THERE FOR HIS FIRST
18 PRIORITY, WHERE HE LOVED TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR SUCCESSES. HE
19 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, GRETA, HIS SON PAUL, AND DAUGHTER
20 CHRISTINA AND BROTHERS DONALD AND RICHARD. THOSE ARE MY
21 ADJOURNMENTS.

22
23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SO ORDERED. ON ITEM 83 --



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M NOT -- WAIT, I HELD SOME ITEMS, I JUST DID MY
2 ADJOURNMENTS.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH OKAY, YEAH 83, WE DIDN'T TAKE A MOTION
5 ON IT. MOVE BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE, WITHOUT
6 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. MADAM CHAIR I HELD ITEM 12. I GUESS MY
9 QUESTION ON ITEM 12 IS, I UNDERSTAND THE CONSOLIDATION EFFORT
10 BUT ALSO I UNDERSTAND THAT IN '05 OR '06 THERE'S GOING TO BE A
11 REVIEW OF ALL THE D.H.S. LEASES. AND THIS IS A TEN-YEAR LEASE.
12 SO I'M JUST TRYING TO --.

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I BELIEVE, SUPERVISOR, THAT THEY NEGOTIATED AN
15 EARLY OUT SO THAT THEY COULD TAKE A LOOK AT THIS ONE AND '05
16 AS WELL. AND '05 IS THE PLAN TO TAKE A LOOK AT ALL THE LEASES.
17 CHUCK IS THAT RIGHT, THERE IS AN EARLY CANCELLATION PROVISION,
18 RIGHT? TWO YEARS.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** SO IT CAN BE PART -- IT CAN BE PART OF THE REVIEW
21 --.

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ABSOLUTELY, IT'S GOING TO BE PART OF THE '05.
24 YES? JUST SAY YES -- [INAUDIBLE].

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** PROBABLY WHY I ASKED THE QUESTION. [LAUGHTER].

2

3 **CHUCK WEST:** THE CONSOLIDATION LANGUAGE IN THE BOARD LETTER --

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME.

6

7 **CHUCK WEST:** WAS REFERENCING THE --

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** CHUCK, STATE YOUR NAME PLEASE.

10

11 **CHUCK WEST:** I'M SORRY, CHUCK WEST, DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE
12 C.A.O. THE CONSOLIDATION LANGUAGE IN THE BOARD LETTER RELATED
13 TO THE LEASES IN THE BUILDING ITSELF, 600 COMMONWEALTH, AND
14 THAT'S ABOUT 65,000 SQUARE FEET. SO WE WANTED TO MAKE THIS
15 PARTICULAR LEASE GO TERMINUS WITH THE OTHERS SO THAT ANY JOINT
16 PLAN OR CONSOLIDATION OR REDUCTION COULD HAPPEN AT THE SAME
17 TIME, IN 2005. IF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE A FURTHER STUDY ON ALL
18 D.H.S. LEASES WE'D BE GLAD TO DO THAT, EXCUSE ME.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL I MEAN, I THOUGHT THAT'S WHAT THE DEAL WAS IN
21 '05, THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO ALL THE LEASES AT THAT POINT.

22

23 **CHUCK WEST:** THE LANGUAGE IN THE BOARD LETTER WAS INTENDED TO
24 ADDRESS JUST LEASES IN THIS BUILDING; HOWEVER IF YOU'D LIKE



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1 THEM ALL ADDRESSED AT THE SAME TIME, CERTAINLY THAT CAN BE
2 DONE .

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, WE'LL DEAL WITH THAT LATER THEN. OKAY, I
5 MOVE THE ITEM MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **CHUCK WEST:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY
10 YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** I BELIEVE THAT TAKES CARE OF MY ITEMS, MADAM
13 CHAIR.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR YOUR
16 ADJOURNMENTS, AND YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME CALL UP 101A AND --.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** OH, YEAH, I HELD THAT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND 41. AND WE HAVE THE VICE MAYOR OF
23 LANCASTER HERE AND ALSO OTHER PHYSICIANS THAT ARE --.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO CALL THE
2 PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK FIRST?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU HAVE THEM IN YOUR HAND. DR. -- LET'S SEE,
5 MAYOR HEARNS, DR. PETRIK AND DR. VANGSNESS. AND DR. MATHEW
6 ABRAHAM. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

7

8 **PAVEL PETRIK:** PAVEL PETRIK. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
9 ADDRESS THE BOARD. I'M A PHYSICIAN IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND
10 ACTUALLY WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO GROW UP THERE AS A CHILD,
11 WENT TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND JUNIOR COLLEGE
12 THERE. YEAH AND AT THAT TIME IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY THERE WERE
13 FOUR HOSPITALS TO SERVE THE LOCAL POPULATION. WHEN I LEFT FOR
14 MEDICAL SCHOOL AND CAME BACK AFTER RESIDENCY 18 YEARS LATER TO
15 SERVE THE COMMUNITY, WHICH WAS ALWAYS MY LONG-TERM GOAL, I NOW
16 FIND THAT THE COMMUNITY IS TWICE AS LARGE AS IT WAS WHEN I
17 LEFT AND WE ARE CURRENTLY NOW AT THREE HOSPITALS SERVING THAT
18 SAME AREA. AND AS YOU ALL ARE WELL AWARE, ONE IS SCHEDULED TO
19 CLOSE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. AS PHYSICIANS OUR JOB IS TO
20 SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AND SERVE IT TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY.
21 AND THAT WILL BECOME IMPOSSIBLE WITH THE CLOSURE OF HIGH
22 DESERT HOSPITAL. ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL AND LANCASTER
23 COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ARE ALREADY AT THE BREAKING POINT, AND ARE
24 LOSING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS MONTHLY JUST TO SERVE THE EXISTING
25 POPULATION. PATIENTS ARE BEING KEPT IN THE HALLWAYS OF THE



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1 HOSPITAL AND IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM FOR SEVERAL DAYS AT A TIME.
2 AND OPERATIONS ARE BEING CANCELLED BECAUSE THERE ARE
3 INSUFFICIENT HOSPITAL BEDS AVAILABLE. AS I SAY, IT'S BECOMING
4 INCREASINGLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SERVE THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY
5 PROPERLY. AND THE CLOSURE OF HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL WOULD BE A
6 TRUE DISSERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. I
7 WOULD ASK YOUR HELP TO ALLOW US TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY TO THE
8 BEST OF OUR ABILITY AND TO KEEP HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL OPEN. I
9 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

10

11 **TOM VANGSNESS:** MY NAME IS TOM VANGSNESS, I'M AN ORTHOPEDIC
12 SURGEON, I'M PROFESSOR OF ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY AT U.S.C.A. I
13 WORK AT THE COUNTY HOSPITAL. AS A PHYSICIAN WHO'S BEEN GOING
14 UP TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR SEVERAL YEARS I RECOGNIZE ALSO
15 THE NEED TO SERVE INDIGENT CARE UP IN THIS AREA. AND IT'S BEEN
16 APPARENT AND IS QUITE APPARENT THAT THERE ARE A LACK OF BEDS
17 AT MANY TIMES. AND I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO MAKE A
18 GESTURE TO TRY AND IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS AND PROCEED WITH A
19 PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP TO BE CREATIVE TO CREATE A NEW
20 PARADIGM, THAT YOU DISCUSSED EARLIER, TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE
21 UP THERE. THANK YOU.

22

23 **MATHEW ABRAHAM:** MY NAME IS MATHEW ABRAHAM. UNTIL A COUPLE OF
24 MONTHS AGO I WAS THE C.E.O. OF ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL. WHILE
25 I WAS AT ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL AS C.E.O., THANKS TO



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1 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S EFFORTS, THE HOSPITAL AND LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY ENTERED INTO A SERIES OF PUBLIC/ PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS
3 AND CREATED THREE PRIVATE -- THREE CLINICS THAT WAS DESIGNED
4 TO SERVE THE INDIGENT POPULATION OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. THESE
5 CLINICS HAVE FLOURISHED AND TODAY THEY SERVE OVER 35,000
6 PATIENTS A YEAR. OUR PROPOSAL TO KEEP HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL
7 OPEN IS BASED ON SUCH A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. YOU ARE
8 ALL TOO FAMILIAR WITH THE SEVERE SHORTAGE OF HOSPITAL BEDS IN
9 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. IN ORDER TO AVOID THE MEDICAL CARE CRISIS
10 THAT WILL SURELY FOLLOW THE CLOSURE OF HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL, A
11 GROUP OF COMMUNITY PHYSICIANS, DR. PETRICK, DR. VANGSNESS AND
12 OTHERS HAVE COME FORWARD WITH A PROPOSAL TO KEEP HIGH DESERT
13 HOSPITAL OPEN. THE DETAILS OF THE PLAN IS OUTLINED IN YOUR
14 PACKAGES BUT I'LL JUST HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THEM. NUMBER ONE, WE
15 WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE THE CURRENT NUMBER OF MEDI-CAL AND
16 INDIGENT PATIENTS THAT HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL IS CARING FOR. FOR
17 INSTANCE, THERE ARE NOW TEN LONG-TERM SKILLED NURSING PATIENTS
18 AT HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL WHO WILL HAVE NO PLACE TO GO AFTER
19 JUNE 30TH. WE WILL AGREE TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE PATIENTS.
20 NUMBER TWO, WE HAVE AGREED TO THE COUNTY TO REIMBURSE THEM UP
21 TO \$2 MILLION TOWARD KEEPING THE HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL OPEN FOR
22 THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. THREE, THE PLAN THAT WE PROPOSED WILL
23 ENHANCE THE FUNCTIONING OF THE MAC, THAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY
24 THE COUNTY BY PROVIDING SURGICAL AS WELL AS DIAGNOSTIC
25 SERVICES FOR MAC PATIENTS. NUMBER FOUR, WE'LL INSTALL STATE-



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1 OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT SUCH AS M.R.I. AND OTHERS
2 THAT'LL BE READILY AVAILABLE TO MAC PATIENTS AND COUNTY
3 PATIENTS AS WELL. NUMBER FIVE, AND PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST
4 IMPORTANT POINTS, IS THAT OUR PLAN WILL DECOMPRESS THE
5 EMERGENCY ROOMS AT LANCASTER COMMUNITY AND ANTELOPE VALLEY
6 HOSPITAL. WE'RE TOLD THAT ANY TIME THERE'S 40 TO 50 PATIENTS
7 WAITING FOR BEDS. WE BELIEVE OUR PLAN TO KEEP THESE BEDS OPEN
8 WILL REALLY ASSIST THE HOSPITALS IN DECOMPRESSING THEIR VOLUME
9 AND ADMITTING PATIENTS DIRECTLY TO THOSE BEDS AS OPPOSED TO
10 HAVING TO ROUTE THEM THROUGH THE EMERGENCY ROOMS. THE BUSINESS
11 PLAN THAT WE PROPOSE CALLS FOR THE PHYSICIANS TO LEASE THE
12 HOSPITAL IN JANUARY OF 2004. IN ORDER TO MEET THAT TIME FRAME
13 WE WILL NEED AT LEAST SIX MONTHS TO -- SIX MONTHS OF LEAD TIME
14 TO INSTALL THE VARIOUS INFRASTRUCTURES AND SYSTEMS WE NEED TO
15 MAKE THE HOSPITAL OPERATE. WE ASK THAT YOU PROVIDE THE FUNDING
16 TO KEEP THE HOSPITAL OPEN FOR SIX MONTHS. WE THANK YOU FOR
17 YOUR TIME AND IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, WE'LL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU FOR THAT PROPOSAL MR. ABRAHAM. THIS
20 ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. LET ME ALSO CALL
21 UP VICE MAYOR HENRY HEARNS, TOM KRAFT, DR. STOCK -- STOKE.

22

23 **BISHOP HENRY HEARNS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH HONORABLE, HONORABLE,
24 HONORABLE... ALL FIVE OF YOU AND TO OUR CHAIR LADY. THANK YOU
25 SO VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE YOU. MY NAME



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1 IS HENRY HEARNS, BISHOP HENRY HEARNS, VICE MAYOR OF THE CITY
2 OF LANCASTER. AND I AM SERVING AS THE CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY
3 COUNCIL OF THE HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL. WE WHOLE HEARTEDLY
4 SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL THAT HAS JUST BEEN PRESENTED TO YOU BY
5 THE DOCTORS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHO DID NOT COME WITH THEIR
6 HANDS OUT TO "GIVE ME" BUT WITH THEIR HANDS OPEN TO GIVE BACK
7 TO THE COMMUNITY. APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO WE WERE
8 PRESENTED WITH THE SITUATION OF CLOSING HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL.
9 THE DOCTORS HAVE ALREADY GIVEN YOU A RUNDOWN OF IT USED TO BE
10 FIVE, NOW THREE. AND AT THAT TIME, THE ADVISORY COUNCIL GOT
11 BUSY TO SEE WHAT WE COULD DO TO PROVIDE AND THE HELP THAT YOU
12 NEED IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE BUDGET AND AT THE SAME TIME GET
13 WHAT WE NEED TO KEEP OUR VALLEY HEALTHY. AND THAT WAS TO KEEP,
14 AND BY THE WAY, I WANT TO MAKE THIS CLEAR, THAT WE'VE HAD THE
15 SAME SUBJECT EVERY TIME. THERE'VE BEEN A LOT OF INPUT. THE
16 NEWSPAPERS, TELEVISIONS, AND WHAT HAVE YOU, BUT WE'VE KEPT THE
17 SAME SUBJECT AND THAT IS THAT WE NEED THOSE SKILLED NURSING
18 BEDS AND THOSE CRITICAL CARE BEDS TO BE OPEN UNTIL SOMETHING
19 ELSE COULD BE PROVIDED FOR OUR VALLEY. AND IN THE PROCESS OF
20 DOING THIS WE CAME UP WITH A BUSINESS PLAN THAT WAS JUST ABOUT
21 A LITTLE BIT BETTER THAN A YEAR AGO. AND AT THAT TIME MR. NORM
22 HICKMAN, WHO WAS WORKING FOR THE HIGH DESERT MEDICAL GROUP WAS
23 ON OUR TEAM AND HE HELPED US TO PUT TOGETHER A BUSINESS PLAN.
24 AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS ALSO BROUGHT UP AGAIN,
25 AND THAT IS THAT WE WENT TO EVERY ONE OF YOUR HEALTH DEPUTIES



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1 AND WE TALKED TO EVERY ONE OF THEM. WE, AS FAR AS I CAN TELL,
2 AND MR. CRAFT AND ALL OF THE REST OF US THAT WERE THERE, WE
3 DID NOT GET A NEGATIVE SUPPORT TO THAT. THEY SAID "LET'S LOOK
4 AT IT." WE ALSO -- I PERSONALLY TALKED TO MORE THAN MY
5 SUPERVISOR, I TALKED TO SEVERAL OF YOU SUPERVISORS WHO WOULD
6 LET ME GRAB YOU BY THE COAT AND YOU DID THAT AND I APPRECIATE
7 THAT. WE TALKED TO EVERYBODY THAT WOULD TALK TO US. WE DIDN'T
8 CARE WHO IT WAS. ANYBODY WHO WOULD LISTEN TO US, WE WENT TO
9 THEM WITH THIS BUSINESS PLAN THAT WE HAD. NOW, SEVERAL WEEKS
10 AGO, AS YOU'VE JUST HEARD THE DOCTORS MAKE THEIR PRESENTATION,
11 MR. MATHEW ABRAHAM CAME TO US WITH A PROPOSAL, WITH THE
12 DOLLARS IN HIS HAND AND WE, THE ADVISORY COUNCIL, SAID THIS
13 WILL DO WHAT WE ARE LOOKING TO HAVE DONE. AND THAT IS, TO KEEP
14 THOSE BEDS OPEN AND REDUCE THAT BUDGET FOR WHICH WE KNOW THAT
15 YOU ARE HONEST ABOUT AND NEED -- NEED THAT DOLLARS TO KEEP
16 MOVING. SO I GUESS IN CLOSING MY REMARKS, AND TO HAVE MR.
17 KRAFT TALK TO YOU, I JUST HOPE THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT THE
18 MOTION THAT OUR SUPERVISORS HAVE PUT BEFORE YOU. WE NEED THOSE
19 BEDS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY UNTIL WE CAN GO FURTHER. MR. TOM
20 KRAFT.

21

22 **TOM KRAFT:** THANK YOU BISHOP, MADAM CHAIR AND DISTINGUISHED
23 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY COMMENTS WILL BE VERY
24 BRIEF. THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL IN SESSION A COUPLE OF
25 WEEKS AGO UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED -- VOTED TO SUPPORT THE



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1 PRIVATE PHYSICIANS' PROPOSAL. THAT UNANIMOUS VOTE WAS BASED ON
2 THE FOLLOWING POINTS: THE PROPOSAL RETAINS AND MAINTAINS A
3 CRITICALLY NEEDED ACUTE CARE AND SKILLED NURSING BEDS IN THE
4 ANTELOPE VALLEY. THERE IS A CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF ACUTE CARE
5 BEDS, AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE BACKUPS AND THE COMPLAINTS FROM
6 PARAMEDICS AND SO ON. THE PROPOSAL IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF
7 THE EFFICACY AND PRACTICALITY OF PUBLIC/ PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS
8 TO REDUCE DIRECT COUNTY COSTS WHILE MAINTAINING A BASIC LEVEL
9 OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR ALL RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY, INCLUDING THE HIGH DESERT. WE BELIEVE WE'RE A MODEL
11 FOR THE REST OF THE COUNTY, THEY JUST HAVE TO TAKE A LOOK AT
12 WHAT WE'RE DOING. AND WE HAVE PRIVATE DOCTORS INVESTING THEIR
13 OWN MONEY AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS. IS IN SHORT A REAL WORLD
14 EXAMPLE OF PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS NEEDED TO DELIVER AN
15 ADEQUATE LEVEL OF QUALITY HEALTH CARE TO ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS
16 AS ADVOCATED BY OUR OWN FIFTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, MICHAEL
17 ANTONOVICH. WE WOULD CERTAINLY HOPE THAT YOU WOULD GIVE STRONG
18 CONSIDERATION TO THIS VERY, VERY VIABLE AND VALID PROPOSAL.
19 OUR ONLY RESERVATION AND IF THIS CANNOT BE RESOLVED OR AT
20 LEAST OVERCOME BY US, BUT OUR UNION AND STAFF PERFORMANCE AT
21 HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL HAS BEEN MAGNIFICENT UNDER VERY STRESSFUL
22 AND DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. AND THE LOSS OF THE UNION
23 POSITIONS IS DEEPLY REGRETTEED BY ALL OF US; HOWEVER, THE
24 PRIVATE DOCTORS' PROPOSAL IS THE BEST SOLUTION FOR A.V.
25 RESIDENTS THAT WE HAVE ON THE TABLE AND WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE



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1 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT TO KEEP THE
2 ACUTE CARE AND SKILLED NURSING BEDS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND
3 WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

4

5 **BISHOP HENRY HEARNS:** ANY QUESTIONS WE'LL ANSWER.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTIONS? OKAY I CALL DR. STOCK. PAMELA
8 MARSHALL, ED CALLAHAN, LES WONG. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE
9 RECORD FIRST. YOU'RE LES WONG AND YOU'RE?

10

11 **ED CALLAHAN:** ED CALLAHAN.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY IS PAMELA MARSHALL OR DR. STROKE HERE?

14

15 **LES WONG:** DR. STOCK LEFT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. STOCK.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** HE HAD TO LEAVE, GO BACK TO WORK.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, THANK YOU, PLEASE GO ON HOWEVER YOU
22 WANT.

23

24 **LES WONG:** MADAM CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR
25 ALLOWING ME THIS TIME THIS AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LES WONG. I



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1 AM THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR ANTELOPE VALLEY
2 HOSPITAL. AND I JUST HAVE A FEW COMMENTS OF CONCERN THAT I
3 WANTED TO MAKE. FIRST OF ALL, WE DEFINITELY SUPPORT ANY EFFORT
4 BY THIS BOARD TO KEEP HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL OPEN. BUT THERE ARE
5 A COUPLE OF CONCERNS WE HAVE THAT IN ANY AGREEMENT THAT YOU
6 HAVE WITH ANY PRIVATE PARTY ENTITY THAT IT INCLUDES THE CARING
7 OR THE CONTINUED CARING OF THE MEDI-CAL PATIENTS AND ANY
8 INDIGENT PATIENTS IN THE VALLEY. I MEAN THAT IS THE CRUCIAL
9 PART OF KEEPING HIGH DESERT OPEN, IS THE CONTINUATION TO CARE
10 FOR THOSE TYPES OF PATIENT. LASTLY, THAT THERE IS A FAIR AND
11 OPEN PROCESS TO INCLUDE OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES IN COMING UP
12 WITH THE SOLUTION TO KEEP HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL OPEN. AND
13 AGAIN, CARING FOR THE INDIGENT PATIENTS AND THE MEDI-CAL
14 PATIENTS IN THE VALLEY. ANYTHING LESS THAN THAT WOULD BE
15 SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD NOT SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

16

17 **TOM KRAFT:** THE ONLY THING I WOULD LIKE TO ADD, I AGREE WITH
18 MR. WONG AS FAR AS SUPPORTING ANY EFFORT TO KEEP HIGH DESERT
19 OPEN AND I APPLAUD THE PRIVATE PHYSICIANS' EFFORT. HOWEVER, I
20 FEEL A LITTLE SURPRISED THAT WE DID NOT FIND OUT ABOUT THIS
21 UNTIL YESTERDAY. WE HAVE BEEN IN ACTIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH
22 NORM HINKLING, THE DEPUTY FOR MR. ANTONOVICH. AND WE THOUGHT
23 WE WERE ON THE SAME PATH TO COME UP WITH A PLAN OR A
24 RESOLUTION TO SEE OUR SIDE OF WHAT ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL
25 CAN PROVIDE AS THE LARGEST HOSPITAL IN THE VALLEY, WHAT WE CAN



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1 OFFER TO KEEP HIGH DESERT OPEN OR AT LEAST PROVIDE A PLAN OF
2 ACTION. SO WE WERE SURPRISED ABOUT THAT. THE ONLY THING WE'D
3 LIKE TO SEE IS IF AGAIN, AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT OUR SIDE OF
4 IT, PRESENT A PLAN THAT IS VIABLE NOT JUST FOR THE TWO
5 HOSPITALS BUT FOR THE INDIGENT PATIENTS. AT ANTELOPE VALLEY
6 HOSPITAL WE PROVIDE CARE FOR APPROXIMATELY \$20 MILLION A YEAR,
7 UNCOMPENSATED CARE FOR PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE INSURANCE AND NO
8 WAY OF PAYING FOR IT. WE SEE APPROXIMATELY 20 TO 25 PATIENTS
9 PER DAY, INDIGENT PATIENTS, AND WE'RE VERY MUCH AFRAID THAT
10 NOT ONLY IF ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL CLOSES THAT THOSE
11 PATIENTS THAT ARE BEING SEEN, APPROXIMATELY TEN AT HIGH DESERT
12 WILL THEN END UP AT OUR DOORSTEP FURTHER BURDENING OUR EFFORTS
13 AS A NON TAX SUPPORTED HOSPITAL, BUT ALSO THE PRIVATE -- THE
14 PRIVATE ENTITY, THE PHYSICIANS' PLAN THAT'S BEING PRESENTED,
15 I'M NOT SURE WILL IT BE ABLE TO ABSORB THOSE TEN PATIENTS. SO
16 WITH ALL DUE RESPECT WE HOPE THAT YOU GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY
17 TO PRESENT OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR BUSINESS PLAN ALONG WITH THE
18 PHYSICIANS' PLAN THEN MAKE A VALUE JUDGMENT AS TO WHICH IS
19 BEST FOR THE COMMUNITY AND WHICH IS BEST FOR THE INDIGENT
20 PATIENTS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN THE BOARD ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO GAVE A
23 REENGINEERING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BECAUSE OF THE
24 FINANCIAL IMPACTS THAT WE HAVE, WE SPECIFICALLY TOLD ANTELOPE
25 VALLEY HOSPITAL THAT THE COUNTY WAS OPEN TO PUBLIC/PRIVATE



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1 PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH THE OPERATION OF THAT FACILITY AND WE HAD
2 BEEN AGGRESSIVELY WORKING WITH KAISER AND OTHER MEDICAL
3 GROUPS. AND ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL WAS TOLD BUT THEIR BOARD
4 VOTED DOWN THAT PROPOSAL TO CONTRACT. AND MR. ABRAHAM, WHO IS
5 A FORMER DIRECTOR OF ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL AND A GROUP OF
6 PHYSICIANS, HAD COME FORWARD WITH THIS PROPOSAL. BUT YOU WERE
7 ALWAYS FREE TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL BECAUSE WE HAVE A TIME LINE.
8 THIS BOARD HAS A HORRENDOUS FISCAL DILEMMA THAT CAN ONLY BE
9 MET BY SOME OF THE REDUCTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN FORCED UPON US.
10 BUT WE HAVE ALWAYS ASKED THE COMMUNITY AND I HAVE PERSONALLY
11 SPOKEN IN THE COMMUNITY THAT TO SAVE THE HEALTH SYSTEM, THAT
12 WE WERE OPEN TO PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.

13

14 **TOM KRAFT:** AND I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT AND YOU NEED TO BE
15 APPLAUDED ON YOUR EFFORTS. BUT ALSO, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH
16 YOUR DEPUTY, NORM HINKLING, HE DID PRESENT A J.P.A., A JOINT
17 POWERS AGREEMENT PLAN TO OUR BOARD. WE, AT THE SAME DATE OF
18 THAT PRESENTATION, GAVE MR. HINKLING A LETTER OF INTEREST,
19 WHICH HE ASKED FOR, HE ASKED FOR LETTER OF INTEREST TO MOVE
20 FORWARD TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WERE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE AND WE
21 WANTED SOME TYPE OF AN AGREEMENT. REPEATED CALLS TO NORM
22 HINKLING BY MYSELF. NORM DID TELL ME THAT IT IS IN THE WORKS,
23 HOLD TIGHT, HE'S WORKING ON IT AND WE WILL FIND OUT WHAT'S
24 GOING ON, AND THEN, AS I SAID YESTERDAY, THE SURPRISE IN A



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1 PRESS CONFERENCE ON TELEVISION TO FIND OUT THAT THIS PROPOSAL
2 IS BEING PRESENTED TODAY WAS ALARMING TO US.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH WERE HELD WITH THE
5 ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL BOARD MEMBERS FOR A JOINT POWERS
6 AUTHORITY, THE HOSPITAL HAD REQUESTED THE COUNTY TO OPERATE
7 HIGH DESERT WHILE THEY MANAGED THE COUNTY STAFF. THAT WAS THE
8 PROPOSAL. THIS PROPOSAL IS ONE WHERE THEY WILL OPERATE THE
9 FACILITY IN A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. SO AS I SAID, THIS
10 WILL BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND I CAN'T COMMENT ANY
11 MORE THAN -- WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMING DOWN AND SHARING YOUR
12 INFORMATION WITH US.

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14 **TOM KRAFT:** THANK YOU FOR THE TIME.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. ITEM NUMBER 8, AND THE ONLY
17 AMENDMENT WE HAD TO 8 IS ASSEMBLYMAN FIREBAUGH IS ATTEMPTING
18 TO HAVE ANOTHER BILL DOING THE SAME AS THIS LEGISLATION MOVED
19 FORWARD FOR THIS SESSION, SO THERE'S NO DIFFERENCE IN THE
20 LANGUAGE EXCEPT THAT WE'RE ASKING THAT ANY OTHER LEGISLATION
21 WITH THE DIFFERENT BILL NUMBER WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. AND WE
22 HAVE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERE IF THERE IS ANY QUESTIONS TO
23 BE RAISED? IF NOT, I'D MOVE THE MOTION.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

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4 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, DID YOU HAVE SOME QUESTIONS, DO YOU WANT ME TO

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO WE'VE PASSED.

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9 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME MAKE SOME ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS. ONE, A
12 VERY GOOD FRIEND, IN FACT WE HONORED HIM ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO,
13 AND THAT WAS ARTHUR MICHAEL ART BREWER FROM THE AGUA DULCE
14 AREA. ART HAD WORKED IN THE FILM INDUSTRY FOR A NUMBER OF
15 YEARS IN SPECIAL EFFECTS AND ALSO OWNED WITH HIS WIFE THE
16 HARDWARE STORE IN AGUA DULCE. HE WAS PRESIDENT AND DOCENT FOR
17 THE VASQUEZ ROCKS NATURAL AREA AND HAD BEEN A PROPONENT FOR
18 HAVING THE INTERPRETIVE CENTER LOCATED THERE FOR OUR YOUNG
19 PEOPLE TO HAVE THEIR IDEALS OF EDUCATION AND PRESERVATION BE A
20 REALITY. AND HE PASSED AWAY ON MAY 24TH AT THE AGE OF 57. A
21 VERY FINE MAN, A FINE COMMUNITY LEADER. A GOOD FRIEND, ANOTHER
22 GOOD FRIEND, RAY LEWIS, WHO WAS CHIEF ENGINEER AT ORANGE
23 COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT, A FAMILY FRIEND, A GOOD SUPPORTER
24 FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 1ST, AND HE LEAVES
25 HIS WIFE JOYCE AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN. BURTON BURTON, ANOTHER



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1 EARLY SUPPORTER. HE WAS THE FOUNDER OF CASABLANCA FAN COMPANY
2 THAT POPULARIZED THE CEILING FANS, HE PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME.
3 HE WAS IN THE MODEL TRAIN BUSINESS BEFORE SELLING OUT TO HIS
4 PARTNER TO START HIS CEILING FAN BUSINESS AFTER COMING UP WITH
5 THE IDEA ON A TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS. AND DANIEL DOUGLAS GALUCCI,
6 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 47 WHILE TRAVELING TO THE WEST
7 COAST. HE LEAVES HIS PARENTS, MICHAEL AND PATRICIA GALUCCI,
8 HIS MOTHER'S FATHER WAS FORMER AMBASSADOR TO CHINA AND HE WAS
9 AN EXPERT IN SUPPRESSING TERRORISM AND ACTS OF NATURE. HIS
10 PRODUCTS WERE SENT THROUGHOUT AMERICA AND THE REST OF THE
11 WORLD, HE WORKED WITH THEIR INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES AND HE HAD
12 THE DEVELOPMENT OF WHAT WE CALL THE BULLETPROOF VESTS AND
13 BULLETPROOF ARMOR, HE WAS THE INVENTOR OF THAT. AS I SAID HE
14 PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY AT THE AGE OF 47. GRANT GILLFORD FROM
15 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. HE WAS A -- HE WORKED IN THE FAMILY
16 LAW PRACTICE AT GILLFORD AND DEARING FOR 32 YEARS, AND HE WAS
17 ACTIVE IN THE HUNTINGTON LIBRARY ART COLLECTION AND BOTANICAL
18 GARDENS IN SAN MARINO. JAMES GILMARTIN, A LONG TIME SANTA
19 CLARITA VALLEY RESIDENT, HE WAS A LAWYER IN THE SANTA CLARITA
20 VALLEY AND HE HAD BEEN HONORED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE BAR FOR
21 HIS PRO BONO SERVICE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE 1994 EARTHQUAKE.
22 MICHAEL CARRY WHOPPER, HE WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH
23 RIDGE A.S.A. GIRL'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE, AND HE COACHED THE TEAM
24 FOR MANY YEARS, AND WAS THE C.E.O. OF OMNI WHOLESALE COMPANY
25 IN CHATSWORTH. WILLIAM NICHOLAS TEHAN, A FOUNDING PARTNER OF



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1 BRARMER INCORPORATED, SERVED AS THEIR PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. AND
2 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE NATIONAL
3 FOOD BROKERS ASSOCIATION. ALBERT SENDRY, WHO WAS A MOTION
4 PICTURE AND TELEVISION ORCHESTRA ARRANGER AND COMPOSER WHO
5 WORKED WITH MANY OF THE LEADING STARS PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
6 OF 91. ROBERT M. MCMANOCAL, WHO WAS THE OLDEST MEMBER OF THE
7 CALIFORNIA STATE BAR PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 102, STILL
8 PRACTICING LAW, HE PRACTICED FROM HIS HOME IN SOUTH PASADENA.
9 HE ENJOYED WORKING WITH HIS CLIENTS AND SPOKE OF THEM AS THEY
10 WERE FAMILY AND HE WILL BE MISSED. MIKE HARRIS, WHO WAS THE
11 FOUNDER AND PRODUCER OF PHOTO LAB, SPECIALIZING IN THE CUSTOM
12 STILL PROCESSING. ALSO WORKED WITH AEROSPACE, NASA ON THE
13 APOLLO MISSIONS. ALSO FORMER RETIRED ASSISTANT SHERIFF W. J.
14 ANTHONY, WHO PASSED AWAY. HE SERVED IN THE MARINE CORPS AND
15 SERVED 30 YEARS WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HE WAS LATER
16 APPOINTED CHIEF OF POLICE IN SANTA MARIA, AND THEN TO THE
17 POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE
18 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BY GOVERNOR GEORGE DUCMACIAN.
19 MARVIN HERBERT BORDEN, WHO WAS THE FORMER PRINCIPAL AT WILLIAM
20 HOWARD TAFT HIGH SCHOOL. AND JACK CROWLEY, WHO WAS A POLICE
21 OFFICER FOR 25 YEARS, RETIRED AS A SERGEANT IN THE L.A. POLICE
22 DEPARTMENT AND WORKED WITH THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT
23 PROBATE DEPARTMENT AND LATER SERVED AS A DOCENT FOR THE RONALD
24 REAGAN LIBRARY AND MUSEUM IN SIMI VALLEY. I WOULD LIKE TO, IF
25 WE COULD -- BECAUSE WE HAVE THIS EVENT IS FOR TOMORROW. IF WE



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1 COULD WAIVE THE FEES FOR THE SAINT JOSEPH MEDICAL CENTER
2 FOUNDATION, WHICH WILL BE HOSTING THEIR CONCERNING WOMEN EVENT
3 AT THE DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILLION FROM 11 TO 2 P.M. AND WOULD
4 MOVE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES WAIVE THE PARKING
5 FEES AT THE MUSIC CENTER, EXTENDING THE COST LIABILITY FOR THE
6 PROVIDENCE SAINT JOSEPH MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION ON JUNE 4TH.
7 SO MOVED.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ANOTHER ONE WHICH IS A REPORT, IF WE
12 COULD ORDER A REPORT, IN APRIL OR MAY OF THIS YEAR, INSPECTORS
13 WITH THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOUNDER
14 INSUFFICIENT EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROLS AT DEVELOPMENTS ON
15 BOTH SIDES OF PLUM CANYON ROAD IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE
16 ACTION WAS IN ADDITION TO THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY BOARD,
17 ISSUING FOUR VIOLATIONS. THE FAILURE TO ADEQUATELY CONTROL
18 THIS TYPE OF EROSION IS ONE OF THE MAJOR CAUSES OF THE WATER
19 POLLUTION IN OUR COUNTY. AND WE'D ASK THE DIRECTOR OF THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO
21 REPORT WITHIN 30 DAYS ON HOW PROTECTIONS CAN BE ENACTED AT THE
22 DEVELOPMENTS IN QUESTION UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY
23 THAT WILL PROTECT THE WATER RESOURCES.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NEXT WEEK?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S A REPORT ON THAT.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH IT'S FOR REPORT?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** REPORT, YES.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND MR. JANSSEN YOU GAVE US AN EMPLOYEE COUNT
11 QUARTERLY REPORT YESTERDAY, I SHOULD SAY ON MAY 29TH, WHICH WE
12 RECEIVED YESTERDAY. THIS ROUGHLY, SINCE THE COUNTY HAS, THE
13 NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY IS 48,402. THE CITY, STATE
14 AND FEDERAL REVENUES FOR 40,687, WHICH IS TOTAL POPULATION OF
15 89,089. THOSE THAT ARE CONTRACT EMPLOYEES WITH OUR CITIES
16 WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DOES THAT FIGURE COME OUT OF
17 THE 48,000 OR OUT OF THE 40,687?

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19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK I'D BETTER CHECK ON THAT SUPERVISOR.
20 IT'S A REIMBURSEMENT REVENUE, SO BUT LET ME CHECK ON THAT.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? DOES SHE HAVE
25 ADJOURNMENTS? SHE HAS NO ADJOURNMENTS? ALL RIGHT. THERE IS



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1 NOTHING -- YOU HAVE NO ADJOURNMENTS NOW, ALL RIGHT, PUBLIC
2 COMMENT? GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, RICHARD ROBINSON AND JEANNETTE
3 DREISBACH. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. AND I WANT TO TALK
5 ABOUT THE SUPERVISION OF THE H.I.V. COMMISSION AND OF
6 O.A.P.P., THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. I AM GLAD THEN YOU ARE
7 WORKING TOWARDS THAT DECISION BUT I AM VERY CONCERNED OF WHAT
8 I'M SEEING ALREADY. THE WHOLE PURPOSE TO SUPERVISE THE
9 COMMISSION FROM THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. WHILE THEY WOULD BE
10 SEPARATE AND THEY WOULD BE NO LONGER INFLUENCED -- I WILL SAY
11 UNDUE INFLUENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. ON THE DOCUMENT I
12 HAVE IN MY HAND, WHICH I HAVE A COPY FOR ALL OF YOU, WAS GIVEN
13 TO THE H.I.V. COMMISSION LAST MONTH. IT IS OBVIOUS FROM THE
14 DOCUMENTATION THAT DECISION HAD BEEN MADE OF WHOM FROM THE
15 OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. WILL WORK FOR THE COMMISSION. I THINK IT'S
16 APPALLING, YOU KNOW, SPECIFICALLY WHEN THE PEOPLE INVOLVED ARE
17 THE ONE WHO HAVE CAUSED A LOT OF THE PROBLEM AND THE LEGAL
18 CONCERN FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I KNOW THAT THE
19 OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. WOULD TELL YOU OH THAT'S NOT WHAT WE MEANT
20 BY THE DOCUMENTATION BUT IT IS VERY CLEAR WHEN EACH POSITION
21 WHICH IS VACANT, THEY HAVE TO BE ON A DATE OF AIRING, WHEN THE
22 ISSUE COME FOR THE URGENT MANAGER, THE NAME OF GREG VINCENT
23 JONES IS THERE, THE SAME FOR GENE NATACHELE. AGAIN BREAKING
24 ALL THE RULE OF THE COUNTY WHEN IT COME TO APPROPRIATE AIRING
25 AND OPEN EXAM TO THE PUBLIC. BUT I GUESS FROM THE OFFICE OF



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1 A.I.D.S. WE DON'T CARE BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, YOU HAD SOMEBODY WHO
2 WAS IN A POSITION OF THE HEAD OF OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. AND ALL HE
3 HAS IS A BACHELOR OF ARTS, EVEN SO HE HAS CONSISTENTLY
4 INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS A J.D. I WILL REALLY FOR A CHANGE IF YOU
5 COULD DO THE RIGHT THING, BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
6 YOU HAVE STRICT COUNTY LAW ON CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE. PLEASE
7 FOLLOW THEM. AGAIN, THIS IS A FIRST. AND, YOU KNOW, WHEN I SEE
8 NINE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMISSION, IT'S A
9 WASTE OF MONEY. I MEAN ALL YOU NEED TO RUN THAT COMMISSION IS
10 FIVE PEOPLE, AT THE MOST. AND THEN I HEAR THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN
11 IT'S A URGENT MANDATE. LET ME TELL YOU THERE IS NO URGENT
12 MANDATE ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO SUPPORT A COMMISSION, SO DO
13 YOUR HOMEWORK.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. ROBINSON, MR. ROBINSON, ARE YOU NEXT?

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17 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** PARDON ME, MY CHAUVINISM. MADAM, CHAIRWOMAN,
18 MEMBERS, RICHARD ROBINSON, NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZER. I PRESENTLY
19 RESIDE IN THE SEVEN-STAR MOTEL, ROOM NUMBER 202 IN HOLLYWOOD.
20 IN SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S DISTRICT. MA'AM, THE COMMUNITY-
21 ORIENTED POLICING CONCEPT WAS COMMUNITY BASED POLICING. IN
22 THIS AGE OF NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY'S IMMEDIACY, THE
23 IMMEDIACY OF THE MEDIA HAS ASSISTED IN THE MISNOMER. THE
24 COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING PROCESS, WITH ITS ANCILLARY
25 FEDERAL SERVICE HAS BECOME A PART OF THE POPULAR FOLKS GUIDE



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1 SUBCONSCIOUS COLLECTIVES NEW-SPEAK, I.E. MEANING COMMUNITY-
2 BASED IS NOW COMMUNITY-ORIENTED, THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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6 **JEANNETTE DREISBACH:** MY NAME IS JEANNETTE DREISBACH. AND I'M
7 REPRESENTING A GROUP CALLED WOMEN'S ADVOCATE. I'M HERE AT THE
8 REQUEST OF A FAMILY OF A DECEDENT NAMED DIANA LOPEZ, WHO WAS A
9 RESIDENT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND I DO HAVE MATERIALS
10 FOR EACH OF YOU. THERE ARE STACKS OF THEM, THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE YOU THE ATTORNEY -- YOURS IS AN
13 ORGANIZATION THAT'S ASSISTING HER?

14

15 **JEANNETTE DREISBACH:** IT IS, IT'S A GOOD SAMARITAN GROUP THAT
16 WORKS PRIMARILY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

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20 **JEANNETTE DREISBACH:** I HAVE WAITED A LONG TIME. ABOUT 15
21 MONTHS AND PROBABLY 15 MONTHS TOO LONG TO COME HERE. WE WERE
22 TRYING TO BE PRUDENT AND WE WERE HOPEFUL THAT THE AUTHORITIES
23 WHO HAVE OVERSIGHT IN THESE AREAS WOULD DO THEIR JOB. AND THEY
24 HAVE NOT. AND I THINK IT DESERVES A VERY SIGNIFICANT LOOK ON
25 YOUR PART AT THIS ONE DEATH AND HOW IT WAS HANDLED BY THE



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1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FACILITY LICENSING. THEY HAVE A
2 TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY. AND I BELIEVE IN THIS PARTICULAR
3 CASE THEY FAILED. AND THEY FAILED SO POORLY THAT I THINK IT'S
4 INDICATIVE OF THE OVERALL PROBLEMS WITHIN THAT DIVISION AND
5 YOU NEED TO TAKE A SERIOUS LOOK. DIANA LOPEZ WAS ONLY 25 YEARS
6 OLD. SHE WAS A YOUNG, INDIGENT MOTHER OF TWO LITTLE BOYS. SHE
7 WAS MARRIED. SHE WENT INTO A LICENSED -- A COUNTY-LICENSED
8 FACILITY, HEALTH FACILITY FOR SURGERY. A SURGERY THAT LASTED A
9 VERY HASTY SIX MINUTES, A SURGERY THAT TYPICALLY TAKES 15 TO
10 30 MINUTES. SHE WAS ON A PROCESSING -- A PROCESSED ASSEMBLY
11 LINE AND DIDN'T KNOW IT. SHE DID NOT SURVIVE THE DAY. SHE DIED
12 THAT DAY. ON THE COUNTY LICENSE HEALTH FACILITY, SHE WAS
13 EMERGENCIED OVER TO WOMEN'S HOSPITAL, WHERE THEY ENGAGED IN
14 HEROIC CARE AS THEY TRIED TO SAVE HER LIFE AND IT WAS
15 POINTLESS. AN OTHERWISE HEALTHY, YOUNG WOMAN DIED. AND A
16 REASONABLE PERSON WOULD SAY, WELL, I'M SURE THE COUNTY IS
17 GOING TO LOOK INTO THIS IMMEDIATELY AND FIND OUT WHAT WERE THE
18 CIRCUMSTANCES. WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS YOUNG WOMAN THAT SHE'S
19 DEAD RIGHT NOW AND LEAVES BEHIND TWO LITTLE BOYS AND A
20 GRIEVING HUSBAND? HER FAMILY WANTED TO BE HERE TODAY. BUT WHEN
21 I TOLD THEM THEY MIGHT HAVE TO WAIT AN ENTIRE DAY WITH TWO
22 LITTLE BOYS FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT TIME, THEY COULD NOT COME.
23 SO I REGRET THAT THEY'RE NOT HERE. BUT I DON'T KNOW IF THERE
24 IS ANYTHING MORE THAT THEY COULD ADD. YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU
25 THE REPORT FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AS YOU CAN SEE, IT



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1 DOESN'T EVEN MENTION THAT A WOMAN DIED. THEY REFER TO HER
2 DEATH, THE DEATH OF A YOUNG MOTHER, AS AN UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE.
3 I'M THE PUBLIC LOOKING AT THIS REPORT. I DON'T EVEN KNOW A
4 WOMAN DIED THERE. HOW INADEQUATE. YOU PASS WONDERFUL
5 ORDINANCES HERE IN THE COUNTY TO PROTECT US WHO MIGHT GO TO A
6 RESTAURANT. I LOOK FOR THOSE AIDS AND I FEEL THAT THE COUNTY
7 HAS INSPECTED, THE COUNTY HAS LOOKED FOR RATS THE COUNTY HAS
8 LOOKED FOR SEWAGE, THE COUNTY HAS LOOKED FOR ALL THE PROBLEMS
9 THAT WOULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE ADVERSE
10 TO MY HEALTH AND WHEN I SEE IT I SAY, GOOD, I CAN GO IN. AND I
11 LOOK ON YOUR WEB SITE WHENEVER I'M GOING INTO LOS ANGELES AND
12 I SAY, OH, THEY'RE SOME OF THE BAD GUYS. I'M NOT GOING TO GO
13 THERE. AND I'M SHOCKED AT SOME OF THE RESTAURANTS THAT HAVE
14 BEEN DOWNGRADED OR EVEN CLOSED, BUT IT'S TESTIMONY THAT WHEN
15 THE COUNTY DECIDED TO WANT TO REALLY DO SOMETHING TO PROTECT
16 THE PUBLIC HEALTH, IT WAS VERY SERIOUS AND HAS DONE A
17 WONDERFUL JOB. IF DIANA HAD BEEN IN A RESTAURANT AND DIED, YOU
18 KNOW WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED. YOU WOULD HAVE CLOSED IT THAT
19 SAME DAY. THIS IS 15 MONTHS, SHE DIED FEBRUARY 28TH, 2002. 15
20 MONTHS LATER, NOTHING HAS HAPPENED. I'M OUTRAGED BY THAT. WHEN
21 WE LOOKED INTO THE CIVIL COURT INDEX TO SEE IF THERE HAD BEEN
22 ANY OTHER SIMILAR PROBLEMS AT THIS SAME HEALTH FACILITY, WE
23 FOUND FIVE PAGES OF MALPRACTICE CASES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
24 ANGELES AGAINST THIS ONE FACILITY. AND I FOUND SEVERAL CASES,
25 AGAIN, IF THIS HAD BEEN A RESTAURANT, THIS PLACE WOULD'VE BEEN



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1 CLOSED. AND YET NOTHING'S HAPPENED. SO I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO
2 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION. I HOPE
3 THAT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, I CAN GIVE YOU THE NAME OF THE
4 FAMILY, I CAN GIVE YOU MY NAME, I CAN PUT YOU IN TOUCH WITH
5 PEOPLE WHO NEED TO GIVE YOU ANSWERS, BUT UNLESS YOU REFORM THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FACILITY LICENSING AND BRING IT UP, AS
7 YOU BROUGHT UP THE RESTAURANT-RATING PROGRAM, I DON'T THINK
8 THERE'LL BE SIGNIFICANT CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHEN I GO
9 INTO A HEALTH FACILITY HERE THAT IT'S AN "A" ON THE DOOR.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL ASK SOMEONE FROM THE
12 DEPARTMENT TO COME FORWARD AND THEY CAN REVIEW THIS. ARE THEY
13 FAMILIAR WITH THIS AT ALL? ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THIS CASE AT
14 ALL OR? [INAUDIBLE].

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A LAWSUIT PENDING?

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18 **JEANNETTE DREISBACH:** A LAWSUIT WAS FILED. A CIVIL SUIT YOU
19 MEAN?

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH WHEN THERE IS A CIVIL SUIT PENDING WE
22 ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DISCUSS IT HERE BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY IT'S
23 LITIGATION. HOWEVER THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT CAN --.

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25 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, I'LL GET --



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RESPOND TO THE DEGREE.

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4 **JEANNETTE DREISBACH:** WELL I'M SPEAKING BROADLY HERE, NOT IN
5 THIS PARTICULAR CASE THAT YOU SEE THERE'S A RED FLAG ON THE
6 FIELD, I SAY TAKE A LOOK AT THAT FIELD, THERE IS RED FLAGS ALL
7 OVER IT AND YOU NEED TO LOOK AT THE POLICY GOVERNING YOUR
8 FACILITY LICENSING.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT, AND CERTAINLY IN TERMS OF THOSE
11 ISSUES, HE WILL SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT THAT.

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13 **JEANNETTE DREISBACH:** OKAY THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU. IS THERE ANY FURTHER
16 PUBLIC COMMENT? ALL RIGHT. WE WILL GO IN CLOSED SESSION?

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18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS
19 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
20 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS CS-1 AND CS-2,
21 CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION.
22 ITEM CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS CHIEF
23 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER DAVID E. JANSSEN AND DESIGNATED STAFF.
24 ITEM CS-4, CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE
25 EVALUATIONS. ITEM CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL



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1 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE AS
2 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. COUNTY
3 COUNCIL HAS ADVISED THAT A LAWSUIT IS BEING FILED REGARDING
4 HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL. THEREFORE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR
5 THE BOARD TO DETERMINE THAT THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION AROSE
6 SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT
7 CODE SECTION 54954.2 B, SUBSECTION 2, AND THAT THE BOARD WILL
8 MEET IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CASE IN CONJUNCTION WITH
9 AGENDAS NUMBER 41 AND 101 A. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON JUNE 3, 2003**

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3 Closed Session adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The Board of Supervisors
4 took the following actions:

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6 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

7 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

8 People, et al. v. Arcadia Machine and Tool, et al.,

9 Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 214798, Coordinated

10 Proceeding No. 4095

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12 The Board of Supervisors authorized County Counsel to appeal
13 the trial court's summary judgment ruling in favor of specific
14 defendant gun manufacturers, distributors and dealers.

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16 The vote of the Board was:

17 Supervisor Molina: Aye

18 Supervisor Yaroslavsky: Aye

19 Supervisor Knabe: No

20 Supervisor Antonovich: No

21 Supervisor Burke: Aye

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